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MST making quick work of Hwy. 1 bus route

By KELLY NIX

CONSTRUCTION CREWS are making rapid progress on a 5-mile transit-bus-only lane from Sand City to Marina — a \$100 million project that Monterey-Salinas



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Construction of an express road for buses is highly visible to motorists on Highway 1 between Marina and Sand City.

Transit said is expected to significantly reduce travel time for riders on its buses and include other upgrades.

The Surf Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project, as it's officially dubbed, includes a dedicated two-lane road parallel to Highway 1 on the old railroad line. When completed — by March 2028 — it will allow Monterey-Salinas Transit bus riders to bypass vehicle traffic on the congested highway.

'Multiple crews'

"Thanks to close coordination between Monterey-Salinas Transit, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, Caltrans, city officials and our partners, the project remains on track," MST general manager Carl Sedoryk told The Pine Cone this week. "Construction is being delivered in coordinated phases across the corridor, and there are no major construction issues currently affecting the overall timeline."

It's difficult for motorists not to notice all the work being done alongside Highway 1, with crews using excavators, bulldozers and other heavy machinery to level a pathway for the new busway. Construction is underway in

See **BUSWAY** page 12A

County on board with city's new address scheme

By MARY SCHLEY

MONTEREY COUNTY officials have given the nod to the City of Carmel's proposed system for assigning standardized street addresses, marking a major step forward in the process of ending the century-plus-old, quirky tradition of using directional locations, such as Monte Verde 4SE of Ocean.

But city officials are still making their way through the painstaking process of designating unit numbers in housing and commercial complexes, and they're asking landlords and owners for help.

In a video message Friday, administrative analyst Emily Garay, who has become city hall's resident expert on addresses and how to implement the new system, mentioned the county's response, which she described as "a huge accomplishment."

"We received word from the county yesterday that our preliminary street addressing system has returned positive results with their systems and software," she said April 10. "It's something we're very proud of — it's something we've worked on for a long time."

What lies ahead

Garay said the city appreciates the preliminary work Monterey County officials have done to incorporate the new system, which assigns numbers to individual parcels, with the lowest beginning at the western and northern edges of the city and increasing as the streets run east and south. Odd numbers will be on the north and west sides, and evens will be on the south and east sides.

"We've worked really hard to get to this point," she said.

For the county's part, spokesperson Maia Carroll said various departments, including elections and the assessor's office, are coordinating with the city on the transition.

"Primary ballots are going out at the end of April, and Carmel residents will receive them as they have previously," she noted, since the change to standardized numbered addresses is not yet official.

See **ADDRESSES** page 30A

New houses to get big 'vehicle miles' tax

SACRAMENTO LAWMAKERS were quick to pat themselves on the back last June after voting for major updates to the California Environmental Quality Act to facilitate the construction of housing — but they didn't say much about the red tape they added in the process.

CEQA has been used for decades to delay or kill residential developments in the Golden State, exacerbating

Capitol Access

By CAITLIN CONRAD

the housing shortage and driving up the cost of living.

"Today's bill is a game changer, which will be felt for generations," said Gov. Gavin Newsom when he signed legislation overhauling the law.

Unfortunately, unless a hidden tax in the act is repealed, it will also drive up the cost of housing for many years to come.

AB 130, which exempts select housing projects from CEQA and shields them from costly lawsuits, includes a tax on driving that's buried 137 pages into the bill. Section 58 adds language allowing local agencies to impose a

"vehicle miles traveled" fee, a tax that could add as much as \$324,000 to the cost of a new home.

Taxed for needing a car

The bill incentivizes new developments near public transit, which in theory would result in people using their cars less. However, if developers build farther away — say, on the outskirts of town where land is more readily available — they'll have to pay into a "mitigation" bank.

Calculations so complicated only Sacramento could have written them determine the fee amounts for vehicle miles traveled. Under CEQA, passenger vehicles driving to and from construction sites, and to and from houses or apartments for the first 20 years after people live there, have significant impacts on the environment.

See **VEHICLE TAX** page 16A

Woman found dead along popular Big Sur trail

■ 'Suspicious circumstances,' sheriff says

By CHRIS COUNTS

A HIKER whose body was found near Sykes Hot Springs in Big Sur has been identified as 37-year-old Joanna Ruth Shields of Carlsbad, Monterey County Sheriff Tina Nieto reported April 11. The sheriff's office is treating the death as suspicious and is investigating.

Shields was found April 9 near the hot springs, located about 10 miles along the Pine Ridge Trail, running east from Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. The trail is by far the busiest hiking route in the Big Sur backcountry. It was temporarily closed following the discovery but has since reopened.

Unsettling

KSBW interviewed three hikers who reported discovering Shields' body. They also reported meeting a man whose behavior was unsettling.

One hiker described the scene when he first saw the woman, the TV station reported. He also noted that a rescue worker "confirmed she had a big gash on her head."

"I didn't see any blood," he said. "She was pale and she had markings around her neck."

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Struck fawn gets a ride



PHOTO/RICHARD O'MARA

This little buck was struck by a car in NPS last week and helped by a P.G. man, who brought it to SPCA Monterey County. The animal, which was uninjured, was released to its mom the next day. See page 6A.



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The body of Joanna Ruth Shields of Carlsbad was found April 9 near Sykes Hot Springs in Big Sur. An investigation has been launched.

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Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Beach bound

Maddie's person was just trying to get a few errands done. Except when he brought along his 18-month-old goldendoodle, he must have known her cuteness was going to slow his progress. A blend of golden retriever and standard poodle, Maddie's has a baby face is likely to linger and attract fans for years.

There was a time when Maddie's people had never heard of a goldendoodle. They were traveling as a family in Idaho with their kids and their rottweiler when they saw an adorable fluffy pup watching their kids from the shore as they played on a raft.

"This dog jumped into the water and swam out to the kids," Maddie's person said. "They helped him up, and they started playing 'king of the raft.' He always won. When he came out of the water, he sat down next to me and let me talk to him."

Confident his next dog would be this breed, he did his research. After his Rottweiler died, he brought home his first goldendoodle, Hailey, who was part of the family for 14 years.

"It tore us apart when we lost Hailey," he said. "All you can do is let the grief roll over you until it starts to pass. And then your heart gets brave enough to bring home another."

Maddie's family is in Sand City, where four genera-



tions have lived, going back to his great-grandparents.

She has not yet been to the ocean, but Carmel Beach will become her playground very soon, her person said.

"Maddie is still working on good recall. She's completely distracted by birds," her person said. "She finished her first seven-week school and will start round two next month. Then we'll take her to the beach and let 'er rip."

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First Murphy gets some TLC

By MARY SCHLEY

WITH ITS century-plus-long tradition of wood cottages and its coastal location, Carmel-by-the-Sea offers a feast for termites. When the city's facilities maintenance supervisor, Cleve Waters, discovered telltale signs of the pests inside the historic First Murphy House in the park at Lincoln and Sixth awhile back, he decided something should be done about it.

"It wasn't that bad, but a couple of years ago, I saw a few termite droppings in the desk there," he said this week as the building was finally tented for fumigation following months of permitting and repairs.

114 years old

The little wood house was constructed on Mission Street in 1902 by 17-year-old Michael J. Murphy for his mother and sisters and was the first of many projects he designed and built during his decades here. His work had a significant influence on the character and architecture of Carmel, and in 1990, when the cottage was in danger of being demolished, the First Murphy House Committee was formed under the auspices of the Carmel Heritage Society to relocate and renovate it. It has served as the headquarters of the non-profit heritage society ever since.

When Waters added the building to his list of city facilities due for inspections after discovering the insect droppings, he said the review revealed areas of dry rot that had to be repaired before it could be treated.

"The deck there was all rotted by the posts and by the doorjamb, and because there's no crawlspace, we weren't able to put anything

underneath it to treat it for termites, so the recommendation was to tent the house," he said. "But before tenting, you must fix all the dry rot."

Waters hired a contractor to handle the job but had to acquire permits from the city, first. That done, the damaged wood areas were restored, and Ailing House installed its circus tent.

Shopping for painters

"Then after the tent's gone — it's supposed to be removed this Wednesday — we will be shopping for painters," Waters said.

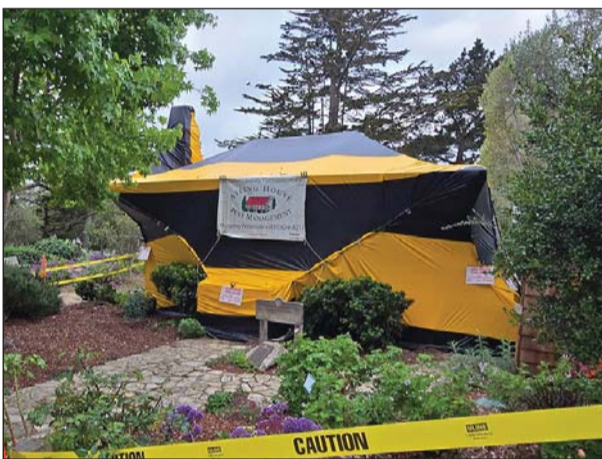
Due to First Murphy's historic status, the materials and methods used for repainting it will be specific, such as hand-brushing versus spraying, and the little wood house will retain its traditional white paint and green trim.

"We need to give it some love," he said.

The tenting cost \$1,700 to \$1,900 and the repairs came in at just under \$5,000, according to Waters.

He'll be seeking bids from local contractors for the repainting and finishing

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PHOTO/MARY SCHLEY

The 114-year-old First Murphy House was tented for termites this week. It's next set to get a new coat of paint, thanks to taxpayers.



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Police & Sheriff's Log

Airtag helps locate stolen bikes

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

Carmel area: Deputies responded for a juvenile issue on Outlook Drive.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to a report of an argument between a couple on Summit Field Road.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Pacific Grove: Property was found near Sinex Avenue and 17 Mile Drive.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Sinex was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: A vehicle check was conducted at Ocean View Boulevard and Siren Street. The 26-year-old male owner was cited out for a warrant for failure to appear on a misdemeanor warrant.

Carmel Valley: Residential structure fire on Boronda Road.

Carmel area: Two checks were found at a residence on Highway 1.

Carmel area: Deputies conducted a welfare check at a residence on Lower Trail.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found ring at Eighth and Scenic.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A driver at Serra and Camino del Monte was cited for driving on a suspended license.

Pacific Grove: Reported found property on Sunset Drive.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to the report of suspicious circumstances at a business on San Carlos Street.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to Nason Road for a report of two missing adults.

See POLICE LOG page 8RE in the Real Estate Section

The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni



Feb. 24 — A jury found Juan Amado Delgado, 36, of Marina, guilty of carrying a concealed dirk or dagger. After the jury returned a guilty verdict, the Hon. Pamela Butler found true multiple factors in aggravation, including that Delgado was on probation at the time he committed the offense and that he had served a prior prison term.

On Dec. 4, 2025, Delgado was sitting outside a dental office in Salinas with a large metal pipe. He was asked to leave the property and refused. Salinas Police Department officers were dispatched to the scene and contacted Delgado. During their interaction, Delgado disclosed to officers that he had a knife. Officers searched Delgado's person and found a concealed, 7-inch fixed-blade knife in Delgado's boot. The knife was entirely concealed by Delgado's clothing. The

blade of the knife was almost 4 inches long. Delgado faces a maximum sentence of three years.

This case was primarily investigated by Salinas Police officer Ruben Portillo.

March 5 — A jury convicted Filberto Santiago Martinez, 34, a resident of Greenfield, of three counts of sexual intercourse with a minor age 10 or under in violation of California Penal Code section 288.7(a); one count of forcible lewd or lascivious act on a child under the age of 14 in violation of California Penal Code section 288(b); and one count of lewd or lascivious act on a child under the age of 14 in violation of California Penal Code section 288(a). All five offenses are serious and violent felonies and are con-

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Carmel dog suffers mysterious drug poisoning

By MARY SCHLEY

A DIMINUTIVE Yorkshire terrier nearly died last weekend after somehow ingesting the psychedelic drug ecstasy while on a walk in downtown Carmel, according to owner Betsy White and her sister, Felicia Cox. They are cautioning other dog owners to be extra careful and heed the warning signs when a pet begins behaving oddly.

Toby, a 5-year-old Yorkie, joined the family after he was abandoned at a groomer in Los Angeles, White told The Pine Cone.

“We were the first to be contacted for his adoption, and we truly feel we lucked out — he has completely transformed our lives,” White said.

But she almost lost her pup after leaving the family’s Comstock cottage to take him on a rainy weekend walk along Sixth Avenue, down Ocean and back up again.

‘Very unusual behavior’

“We stopped briefly for a smoothie before heading back up Sixth Avenue. Approximately two hours later, Toby began exhibiting very unusual behavior — twitching, running around, and his head was bobbling,” White recalled. “At first, I thought he might be frightened from the rain or possibly had gotten into coffee, but the symptoms quickly became alarming.”

Cox also noted the little dog’s muscles jerking and that he seemed to have an inability to focus, and they rushed him to an emergency veterinarian.

While animals are sadly frequently poisoned by pesticides, deadly mushrooms, caffeinated products, antifreeze and other well-known dangers, BluePearl doctors Natalie

Albright and Deepak Kumar “recognized the severity of his condition right away and performed a drug test,” White said.

The results came back positive for ecstasy, more

See **DOG** page 19A



PHOTO/BETSY WHITE

Who wouldn’t fall to pieces if this little guy was taken ill and almost died? Toby’s owners are warning others after he was poisoned.

Man helps fawn hit by car

By KELLY NIX

A FAWN that was struck by a motorist in Monterey last week was rescued thanks to some quick-thinking passersby and later reunited with its mother.

On April 10, Richard O’Mara of Pacific Grove was driving with a friend on the Naval Postgraduate School campus when traffic stopped. He noticed a woman in the street tending to a small deer that had been hit by a car.

O’Mara said the young deer was lying halfway in the road. He told the unidentified young woman that he would take care of the distressed animal, which had no obvious injuries.

“I jumped back in my car and called the SPCA,” O’Mara told The Pine Cone.

After being asked to bring the animal to the SPCA headquarters on Highway 68, he picked it up and placed it on his friend’s lap for the drive.

Back with momma

He handed it over to officials at SPCA Monterey County, who examined the deer. SPCA spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said the male fawn was determined to be OK. The organization’s staff then successfully reunited the baby with its mother.

“The next day we drove him to where he was found and a doe immediately ran to him, and he followed her into the forest,” Brookhouser said Monday, adding that the fawn was released near the Naval Postgraduate School.

O’Mara supports PG Deer Awareness Resource, an advocacy group started by former P.G. Mayor Carmelita Garcia. Its website is pgdeerawarenessresource.org.

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COMMITTEE URGES COUNCIL TO OK NEW CAR WEEK PLAN

By MARY SCHLEY

A PROPOSAL to turn a section of Ocean Avenue and some side streets into a parking lot during the busiest Car Week nights received the full support of the Carmel Community Activities Commission Tuesday. The group unanimously voted to recommend the city council approve the plan and a contract with Good Roots, which organizes the weekly downtown farmers market and the Concours for a Cause event, to implement it.

According to the plan presented by Carmel Police Chief Todd Trayer, Ocean Avenue and side streets between Junipero and Lincoln and Sixth and Seventh would be blocked off to through traffic and used for parking, with spots on the main drag costing \$200 apiece and those on adjacent streets going for \$100 each.

Carmel-by-the-Sea residents would have to pay to park on Ocean but could use the side-street spaces for free.

The plan would be in effect the evenings of Aug. 13-15, and Good Roots staff would manage ingress, egress, collecting the fees and escorting drivers to their spaces. Motorists would enter via Seventh Avenue and exit on Ocean Avenue to be directed toward Highway 1.

Reducing shenanigans

Trayer said the idea is to reduce cruising and traffic congestion while providing more parking downtown. It's an alternative to shutting down sections of Ocean and other streets at night to try to control crowds and shenanigans.

"It is a managed parking system that addresses safety and congestion and

provides a way to support businesses," he said. "It's not designed to be a car event or to attract more crowds."

"I can't tell you what it's going to do, because we've never done it," he added.

Trayer said the plan calls for installing temporary lighting to make the area safer for pedestrians after dark and discourage bad behavior, having more officers on duty, and undertaking other measures, including installing temporary speed bumps on more streets.

"There will still be noise and circling cars, but the goal is for significantly less, and more controlled traffic and sound," Trayer said.

'Big investment'

Nile Estep, CEO of Good Roots, estimated some 250 cars would be accommodated and promised his staff would work to keep pedestrians moving so they don't

congregate around whatever interesting vehicles might be parked there. Drivers would not have in-and-out privileges but would be allowed to arrive when they want to and leave at their pleasure. And they wouldn't be allowed to turn it into a de facto show by hanging out next to their vehicles, leaving the hoods up, and the like, he promised.

"It's a big investment on our end, and our hope is to have this be the best outcome for the City of Carmel and for the businesses," he said.

Restaurateur Rich Pepe had several logistical questions, including where people using ride-sharing apps would be dropped off and whether businesses like his that typically rent a few spaces in front

Will pricey parking plan solve problems or create them?

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Council looks to tax increases to cover sizable funding gap

By MARY SCHLEY

LIKE MOST governments, Carmel spends more than it brings in, and during back-to-back meetings last week, the city council voted to seek an increase in the transient occupancy tax rate from 10% to 12% and a .375 percentage-point bump in the sales tax rate.

“The city faces a deferred maintenance backlog of approximately \$100 million and needs an estimated \$6 million to \$7 million in new annual revenue,” finance manager Jayme Fields said in her April 6 report to the council. “A new police building will require a dedicated capital funding source. No single revenue mechanism is expected to close the gap. A combination of sources will likely be necessary.”

To that end, the city in March hired a consultant, Civitas, to study potential revenue streams, which the council considered last Monday — ultimately focusing on an increase in the sales tax as one of the preferred options. Tuesday, the council further discussed pitching an increase in hotel taxes to voters.

Up for grabs

Carmel’s sales tax rate is 9.25%, including 7.25% assessed by the state, 1.5% by the city, and a few additional county levies and a Monterey-Salinas Transit tax making up the rest.

Until last year, 9.25% was the maximum allowed in this area, but a change in the California Revenue and Taxation Code is freeing up another .375% for local jurisdictions to grab, according to the consultant. In response, some local cities are planning to ask voters to increase their

sales tax rates accordingly, with Monterey placing a 0.375% general tax on the June ballot and Pacific Grove considering an identical measure for November. The city estimates it could glean another \$2.5 million annually from taxpayers if voters approve a similar measure here.

In general, the majority of the council favored proceeding with a ballot measure, though councilman Jeff Baron worried about the complications of asking voters to approve two tax increases, considering the council in February decided to pursue a hike in the taxes visitors pay for their overnight stays.

Having “two tax measures on the ballot at the same time gives me a significant amount of pause,” he said, because some voters won’t want to raise either tax, while others might pick one over the other, but not both. He suggested putting one on the ballot in November and pitching the other sometime in the future.

\$1.9 million

With most of the council supporting a sales-tax measure, city administrator Brandon Swanson said staff would get to work on the required language and documents.

The following evening, councilmembers considered possible ballot language for a 2 percentage-point increase in the transient occupancy tax from 10% — which it has been since 1998 — to 12%. Hoteliers in 2013 created the hospitality improvement district to self-fund destination-marketing efforts by assessing customers a 2% fee, and guests also pay a Monterey County Tourism Improvement

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Big Sur property sells for \$36M

By CHRIS COUNTS

LISTED FOR sale in late 2024 for \$100 million, one of Big Sur's most extraordinary properties sold last week for just under \$36 million.

Located on the west side of Highway 1 north of Post Ranch Inn, the 150-acre property features stunning views, sprawling meadows, three homes, manicured gardens, fruit orchards and its own beach. It closed escrow April 8 with Kira, Michele and Blake Forrest listed as the sellers, and Bryan and Adrienne Roberts as the buyers, according to county real estate records.

It's one of several properties that make up what's called Rancho Rico, which former Lockheed executive Cyril Chappellet bought in 1965. Bordered by land belonging to the Chappellet family, it was marketed as "The Heart of Rancho Rico." The land, close to inns and galleries in Big Sur Valley, was once owned by Big Sur's pioneering Pfeiffer family. The sellers in last week's transaction were three of Chappellet's grandchildren, according to a recent obituary in The Pine Cone for their father, Michael Forrest.

'Special and iconic'

When the land hit the market for the first time in six decades, realtor Tim Allen called it "a special and iconic property"

with "absolutely breathtaking panoramic" views.

The 3,750-square-foot main house was built in the 1940s and has four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, three fireplaces and a two-car garage. There are two other residences on the property — the Garden House, which measures 1,960 square feet, has three bedrooms and two baths and was built in 2001, and the Ranch House, which measures 2,500 square feet, has four bedrooms and two bathrooms and was built in 1995.

The property — which rises from sea level to almost 1,000 feet — also features an abundance of nature, including grasslands, chaparral, redwoods, oaks, laurels and madrones, along with an assortment of wildlife.

Family leaves legacy

A former Army and airline pilot who was born in Oakland and graduated from Stanford University, Chappellet was just 26 when he and several other aviation enthusiasts paid \$40,000 for a bankrupt company, Detroit Aircraft, in 1932 at the height of the Great Depression. The company was rebranded as Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, a variation of an earlier name.

Starting off as secretary of the company,

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The main residence on a property that just sold for \$36 million offers sweeping views of the Big Sur coastline.

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Supes ask for studies on mansion tax and increase in hotel fees

By KELLY NIX

THE IDEA of a big increase in the county's transfer tax on multimillion-dollar home sales gained more traction this week when the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted to spend about \$80,000 to poll voters on the proposal.

The move follows the panel's March vote to proceed with an idea proposed by District 5 Supervisor Kate Daniels to charge homebuyers an extra transfer tax on pricey single-family properties in unincorporated Monterey County. All properties are assessed a 1.1% tax when a new sale is recorded, and Daniels' plan is to boost that as much as 5% on the priciest home sales.

The special transfer tax, she said, could fund housing initiatives benefiting middle-income homebuyers.

On Tuesday, the supervisors approved spending \$83,500 on two consultants to conduct public opinion polling and a "political landscape assessment" to gauge voters' appetite for a ballot measure on a transfer tax for homes sold for more than \$5 million, and a separate proposal to increase the transient occupancy tax — paid by hotel guests — from 10.5% to 12%.

The supervisors are considering placing both proposals on the Nov. 3 ballot.

'Priced out'

In making the case for the transfer tax, Daniels, 52, said when she attended Carmel schools, teachers lived in the district or nearby. Other working people, such as hospitality employees plumbers, police and firefighters, could also afford to live on the Peninsula.

"That world is gone," Daniels said. "Today nearly every sector of our workforce is priced out of the housing market on the Monterey Peninsula."

She argued there are two housing markets on the Peninsula. One is driven by wealth, equity and assets not dependent on paychecks, and a second is for the workforce — including teachers, hospitality workers and even top-earning veteran teachers making well over \$100,000 who cannot afford homes on their salaries.

"That housing market is working exactly as it was designed to work. It is simply designed for someone else," she said. "Not for you and not for me."

District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez said questions remain about what the transfer tax would accomplish.

"What's the outcome?" Lopez asked. "Are we building rental housing? Are we

building housing that folks can get into and start building equity? Those things are yet to be determined."

Double the dollars

According to the supervisors' March 17 agenda, money raised from a transfer tax could fund down-payment assistance, development incentives such as deferred fees and public-private partnerships, utility upgrades enabling multifamily housing, and other initiatives.

While Daniels initially proposed taxing properties sold for more than \$10 million, District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church suggested lowering the threshold to \$5 million. Assistant County Administrative Officer Michael Beaton said a \$5 million

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Want to tour Marina's police station? You'll soon have the chance

By KELLY NIX

FACING THE need for \$50 million to pay for new fire and police stations — as well as a city hall and other facilities — Marina is offering residents a chance to see firsthand the city's needs.

Beginning April 23, the city will host tours at existing facilities to give residents "a direct glimpse into space limitations and operational challenges."

"The condition of our facilities has been a long-standing challenge for Marina, and it directly impacts how we serve our community," Mayor Bruce Delgado said. "We've heard clearly from residents that improvements are needed, and these upcoming tours and workshops are an opportunity to see the conditions first-hand and help shape thoughtful, community-driven solutions for the future."

With thousands of new homes being sold in the city

for as much as \$2 million, Marina is already enjoying big revenue increases, but additional taxes are also needed for the pricey new facilities, officials say. A citizens advisory committee established late last year identified roughly \$50 million in needs, including a new police station, fire station, city hall and city council chambers.

\$250 per year

To pay for the projects, the committee proposed a 7 percent utility users' tax, which would apply to gas, electricity, telecommunications and internet services. Each household would pay about \$250 per year. The tax would require 50 percent of voters plus one to pass.

"Marina's core facilities, including city hall, the police station and the fire station, were built decades ago for a much smaller population and now face challenges related

to aging infrastructure, limited space and outdated design," the city argues.

Space constraints and aging infrastructure are limiting Marina's ability to deliver efficient services, maintain rapid emergency response times and adhere to accessibility standards and technology needs, the city claims.

The tax proposal comes about two years after Marina voters rejected Measure U, which sought to raise \$50 million with a \$54.74 tax per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The measure garnered 60 percent of the vote but needed two-thirds to pass.

"By participating in tours and workshops, residents can better understand the challenges we face and provide input that will directly inform priorities, funding approaches and the long-term vision for Marina's public facilities," City Manager Layne Long said.

'Utility users' tax' would apply to internet and electricity use

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BUS ROUTE

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Sand City, Marina and all points in between.

“Across the project, multiple crews are actively working on earthmoving, concrete pouring and performing retaining wall activities,” Sedoryk explained. “There is an average of 40 to 50 workers, many of whom are local residents, on site at any given time.”

There are three primary construction zones. In Marina, at Palm Avenue and Del Monte Boulevard, he said, crews are “reaching a major milestone,” with roadway, utility and finishing work underway. Crews recently poured concrete for the parking lot of the future Fifth Street Station, off Eighth Street near the Dunes on Monterey Bay, where Target and REI are located. The lot will allow bus travelers to park and ride and will offer EV charging stations and

extra parking spaces.

“Busway paving is also scheduled to begin next month in this area,” he said.

Sand City improvements

Crews in Sand City are also doing pre-paving work on California Avenue — the road that runs along the rear of Target, PetSmart, Lucky and numerous other shops — including determining where utilities need to go, removing trees and other work. All the train tracks and ties were removed and have already been sold on the recycling and landscaping markets, Sedoryk said.

“Some of those ties were more than 100 years old,” he said.

There will also be major changes at the intersection of California and Playa avenues — between McDonald’s and Lucky — where Sedoryk said they will remove the stop signs.

“We are going to be putting in a traffic signal,” he said.

“Everyone gets caught up there because the intersection moves too slowly. The signal will be timed so when the buses coming out of the busway arrive, they will get a green light.”

The technology, called signal prioritization, will be installed in other areas of the busway, too. The upgrades will make traffic “flow more freely through these areas,” even though it will prioritize green lights for the MST buses, Sedoryk explained.

At the intersection of California Avenue and the southbound Highway 1 on-ramp next to the sand billboard or “scribble hill,” as some call it, crews in a few weeks will start installing a roundabout to improve traffic flow. The existing stop sign will be removed.

MST has a fleet of 82 heavy buses. Seventeen of them are zero-emission battery electric buses, each of which costs about \$1.3 million and has a lifespan of about a dozen years, or 500,000 miles. MST can only use zero-emission buses on the Surf busway.

“We do not currently have funds to purchase additional zero-emission buses, and we are considering seeking a temporary exemption from the state-mandated Innovative Clean Transit rule until we identify funding for additional ZEBs and the required charging infrastructure,” he explained.

The Clean Transit Rule requires all public transit agencies to transition their fleets of buses to 100 percent zero-emission versions by 2040.

Critics

The California Coastal Commission, California State Parks and other groups and individuals criticized the project for its potentially damaging impacts on coastal dunes and environmentally sensitive habitat. Others argued that the busway was not necessary and that removing train tracks kills the idea of rail transport for the Monterey Peninsula. The issues were worked out, and the Coastal Commission in September 2024 approved the proposal.

The busway project was responsible for the closure of Handcar Tours, a Marina-based business that offered tours on the rail line.

In 2003, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County bought the 16-mile Monterey Branch Line railroad tracks for about \$9 million.

While all elements of the busway, including construction, design, permitting and other work, cost about \$100 million, Sedoryk said construction costs amount to roughly \$59 million.

Because construction can cause disruption, MST last

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Tiles locals say are worth preserving

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

DURING A key scene toward the end of the 2018 film, "Crazy Rich Asians," Eleanor, the matriarch of a Singapore family, sits down to a game of mahjong with her son's Asian-American girlfriend, Rachel, who lets her prospective mother-in-law win — a significant recognition of the importance of family.

Some say, "It's just a game." Those who play mahjong might disagree.

While the movie reportedly served to introduce and create a surge in mahjong's popularity in the United States, it has been an important part of Chinese culture for centuries. It was introduced to the United States in the early 1920s when people began gathering in fours to play.

"The rules of mahjong are similar to gin rummy, except played with tiles instead of cards," said Nakelle Fitzpatrick, who teaches American mahjong in Carmel. "Chinese mahjong uses 144 tiles, while the American version uses 166 tiles, including joker tiles. Also, the American version is more structured and strategic, while Chinese mahjong is a faster, more flexible game."

'Fluttering'

Fitzpatrick, a self-described "gamer," was introduced to American mahjong just a few years ago, yet was so engaged by its subtleties, she decided to become a teacher.

"Playing games and teaching them to others is something I've always done," she said. "But mahjong has introduced me to so many people outside my friend groups and is such a booming enterprise, I decided to launch a business."

Fitzpatrick's attraction goes beyond the dynamics of play, as she also enjoys teaching the game's history and its path to pop culture.

The name, mahjong, for instance, translates to sparrow, she said, from the sound of the tiles "fluttering" like a flock of sparrows.

"During the pandemic, when everyone was social distancing, a lot of people started playing mahjong outside, which caused quite a comeback," she said. "While teaching, I get my steps in as I walk among tables explaining the nuances of the game and helping players control the pace of play."

Competitive spirit

Lindsay Peelman got into a conversation with her Bunco group — participants in a social dice game — about mahjong and its rise in popularity, describing it as

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Lindsay Peelman, chair of MPC's business department and self-taught mahjong player, says she believes the Chinese game is enjoying a renaissance.



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More taxes in store for P.G. residents?

By KELLY NIX

THE PACIFIC Grove Unified School District is exploring new property taxes to help keep the financially struggling district afloat, and the school board will likely decide in June whether to put the proposal on the November ballot.

At its April 9 meeting, the five-member board of trustees heard a proposal from consultant Dale Scott about placing a parcel tax on the Nov. 3 ballot. Revenue from a parcel tax could be used to support educational programs, staff and general operating expenses.

The school board directed the district to hire the consultant to survey P.G. voters to gauge their opinion of the tax, with results to be presented to the board on June 4 — the same day it will likely vote on placing it on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The tax would apply to most parcels in the city, including residential, commercial and vacant lots. Some voters, including senior citizens, could be exempt from paying it.

"The district has approximately 10,000 taxable parcels within its boundaries," Scott told the trustees. "A \$100 parcel tax would raise \$1 million per year, which would then go into the district's general fund."

'Great idea'

The details, including the amount of the tax and how many years property owners would have to pay it, have not been set. Scott said the board could implement the tax for three, five or 10 years, for example.

"Some districts actually have parcel taxes that are in perpetuity," he said.

At least two-thirds of the electorate would have to support the tax before it would go into effect.

Board members were receptive to the idea but wanted the consultant to ask voters about it.

"I think it would be interesting to find out what we can get and how long we can get it," board member Laura Ottmar said. "Our community is generous when it comes to schools. For me, it feels like a no-brainer. I think it would be a great idea to do."

Area 4 trustee Beth Shamas agreed.

"I think we could make a good case for it," she said.

"And I do believe we have had a lot of support from the community. I feel like we've been as responsible as possible with the money we have. Hopefully, we can communicate that to the public."

Well compensated

From 1995 to 2008, Pacific Grove property owners paid a parcel tax to help fund PGUSD. Scott said the amounts ranged from \$35 to roughly \$50 per parcel per year. In 2012, Pacific Grove Unified asked voters to approve another tax, but the electorate narrowly defeated the idea.

If voters approve the latest tax, the funds would not be available to the school district until the next fiscal year.

"If it passes, funding would be for the 2027-2028 fiscal year," Scott explained.

In March 2025, facing a nearly \$3 million deficit, the school board voted to lay off several teachers and therapists.

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“the new Bunco for millennials.”

“My New Year’s resolution was to start playing mahjong and then teach it to others through the community college,” said Peelman, who has a doctorate in education and chairs the business department at Monterey Peninsula College. “Mahjong shouldn’t be something that has barriers to access. I would love to create community around this.”

Peelman taught herself to play by reading a book, watching a woman compete online, and then practicing locally with coworkers and spouses. She bought five sets of tiles, so she can teach several others at once, as soon as she gets the program going.

“I think mahjong is having quite a

renaissance,” she said. “I read that, after World War II, soldiers brought back the game at a time when people were entertaining at home, and women started playing mahjong instead of going to country clubs. I want to bring that back.”

How is American mahjong is played? The mahjong card, an essential tool that lists the winning combinations of tiles or “hands,” which players are trying to assemble.

The tiles are shuffled and placed face down. They’re dealt to the four players much like cards, and players arrange their tiles, keeping them hidden from each other. They take turns drawing and discarding from remaining tiles with the goal of getting matching sets, called melds. Scoring is determined by the types of melds.

If it sounds complicated, it is, Peelman said. “But so is chess. And, like chess, once you get the hang of it, you feel compelled to play.”

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month held an outreach meeting at the Edgewater Shopping Center — where Target is — to hear directly from businesses and inform them who at the agency to contact during the work and ways to minimize disruption while it’s underway.

“Monterey-Salinas Transit strives to keep the community informed every step of the way through ongoing public outreach efforts,” which include monthly email updates, door-to-door notice distribution, community events and contact with residents and businesses, Sedoryk said.

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Road [rec trail] in Sand City and Marina for more than a mile, so you can complete the entire trip between those cities without having to cross to the Caltrans” trail, which is an old, narrow pathway adjacent to Highway 1, Sedoryk said.

Changes underway

On Thursday from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., crews were expected to close the on-ramp along southbound Highway 1 and California Avenue to install protective barriers for cyclists and pedestrians.

MST projects that by 2027, it will have 927,000 annual passengers countywide. That number is expected to skyrocket to nearly 3 million in 2045.

The busway will also allow passengers to save up to 15 minutes or more on travel time during the worst traffic conditions, according to MST.

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Under AB 130, before a home can even get started, localities will add up all the miles people are expected to drive because they live in it, then divide that total by the number of people using it to calculate a per-person driving amount. The figure is then compared to the average vehicle miles traveled for the surrounding area. If the project's per-person driving is at least 15% lower than the local average, it is considered acceptable; if not, it is treated as having a significant environmental impact requiring serious fees — which of course will be tacked onto the prices of new homes.

So what's the financial penalty for needing a car? The Coalition for Affordable, Reliable, and Equitable Housing reports the fees could reach \$2 for every extra mile driven over the government-set limit. That equals roughly \$16,000 per year, adding \$1,350 to monthly rents or as much as \$324,000 to the price of a new house.

"California should be breaking down barriers to housing, not building new ones," said Robert Sausedo, president of Community Build Inc., which has formed a coalition with other housing proponents calling for a repeal of the provision.

The bill automatically exempts housing restricted to low-income residents. This pushes the burden onto middle-class families looking for market-rate rents or pursuing the American dream of home ownership.

"This provision, and the regime it sets up, is social policy cloaked in environmental rhetoric," Jennifer Hernandez of the Breakthrough Institute wrote about the hidden tax in City Journal.

The fees funneling into the "mitigation bank" will be used one of two ways. The first is for transit service, like adding bus lines, based on the idea that expanded routes will mean more people will take the bus — and maybe they will, now that gasoline is back up to \$6 a gallon in California. The second is to subsidize "affordable" housing, which in theory sounds like a way to build more homes but in practice has resulted in fewer units statewide.

Subsidized costs more

Research published this month from the Rand corporation found that subsidized housing in California costs 50% more to build than market-rate housing. The comparison is even worse when you look at lower construction cost states like Texas, where market-rate housing is four times cheaper to build. The reason is that most subsidized projects require developers to build to highly prescriptive design requirements and pay wages well above market rates — bringing us to the last hidden cost in AB 130: pro-union language.

The bill requires any project exempt from CEQA to pay "prevailing wage" rates, regardless of whether the development is public or private. The wage mandates could prevent developers from contemplating a build altogether.

Union membership in California's construction sector is at record lows, with 2024 data from unionstats.com showing 87% of the state's construction workforce is nonunion. The driving factors are construction bosses

keeping projects outside of organized labor's reach and a shift among workers choosing not to join unions.

The requirements will also add to the cost of any housing that seeks the CEQA exemption. According to a 2020 report from the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at University of California Berkeley, projects with prevailing-wage mandates cost on average \$30 more per square foot to build than those where wages are freely negotiated between developers and their employees.

Meanwhile, California produces less than 1% of global



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Construction at one of the big new subdivisions in Marina and Seaside on what used to be Fort Ord.

greenhouse gas emissions, in part thanks to stringent regulation. However, when people can no longer afford to live here, they often move to states with much higher per capita emissions. According to U-Haul's January growth index, one of the move-to destinations for Californians is Texas, a state where federal data shows annual per capita CO₂ emissions are 21.8 metric tons, almost three times California's.

But under the state's measuring system, any move out registers as a climate win, because the emissions move out, too. Turns out the earth still registers them as a loss.

Dead last

U-Haul's latest index also ranked California dead last for move-ins, with the slowest growth rate of any state for the sixth year in a row. A more detailed analysis from the California Policy Lab released in March shows that those moving out are primarily middle-class residents — the ones most impacted by the little-discussed fees in the CEQA reform bill.

The lab's "Priced Out Report" found that people leaving middle-income communities accounted for 41% of statewide movers. By contrast, those leaving low-income communities accounted for 26%. The policy lab also found that people who leave California pay on average \$672 less a month for housing than those who stay and are 48% more likely to achieve the dream of home ownership seven years after leaving.

So if the goal is to keep people in California, and ideally hold onto the Golden State's middle class, maybe lawmakers shouldn't be writing policies that target housing with hidden fees.

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threshold would generate about double the estimated revenue but also increase organized opposition since about three times as many homeowners would be affected.

A spokesman for the Monterey County Association of Realtors said the group believes a lower threshold would “ultimately net fewer tax revenues in the long term” by lowering property values in the higher price ranges.

The amount of the tax hasn’t been set, but Beaton provided revenue scenarios based on varying rates. For example, a 5% transfer tax on homes sold for more than \$5 million would generate about \$17.5 million per year, while the same rate on homes sold for more than \$10 million would yield about \$8.7 million each year.

‘Won’t solve issue’

District 1 Supervisor Luis Alejo said he’s open to the idea but offered some skepticism.

“If sheriff’s deputies, teachers and

doctors can’t live on the Peninsula, this measure — even if it generates revenue — isn’t going to solve that issue,” Alejo said. “This tax generates revenue that can go to housing and community development or be granted to nonprofit developers. But it’s not going to make the problem go away.”

Alejo, from Salinas, added that much of the opposition to new housing comes from Peninsula residents.

“The harder part is where to put those resources to build affordable units or apartments,” he said. “And will we vote to approve those projects in areas that often oppose them strongly?”

Daniels later said she doesn’t believe the transfer tax will solve all affordable housing issues.

“I do not believe this is the panacea for all our problems,” she said. “But if we don’t do something, then nothing is a very bleak future.”

Daniels has said she doesn’t believe a transfer tax would deter wealthy buyers, though some suggest it would.

Longtime Peninsula realtor Tim Allen said in an April 3 commentary in The Pine Cone that the transfer tax on multimillion-dollar homes will do more harm than

good because it carries economic risks.

“Evidence from similar policies, such as those implemented in Los Angeles, show a sharp decline in high-end real estate transactions, ranging from 38% to over 50% in some cases,” Allen wrote. Fewer

transactions mean less overall economic activity and less long-term tax revenue.”

Monterey County faces a nearly \$119 million shortfall in 2026-27, expected to grow to \$162 million in 2028-29, Beaton said.

Women in photography at foundation

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

IN COLLABORATION with the Center for Photographic Arts, the nonprofit Carmel Foundation will host a talk April 22 on “little known stories of women in photography and the men in their lives.”

Set for 2:30 p.m. in Diment Hall at Lincoln and Eighth, the free talk is open to the public and will be led by Martha Casanave, who “will highlight the points of view of selected women photographers

whose strength and stamina helped them overcome often hidden obstacles,” organizers said.

“What was it like to pursue success in a man’s world?” they added.

Casanave has received the Imogen Cunningham Award and the Koret Israel Prize for her black-and-white portraiture and taught photography at Cabrillo and Monterey Peninsula colleges for 30 years.

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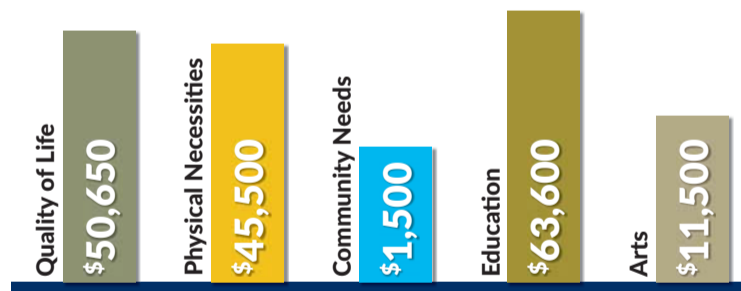
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GAP

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District fee ranging from \$1.50 to \$7 per room night, depending on the luxury level of their accommodations.

In February, the council weighed the benefits and drawbacks of seeking a TOT hike, which could generate another \$1.9 million annually for the general fund, and

opted to proceed, with only Mayor Dale Byrne objecting.

At the April 7 meeting, city attorney Brian Pierik submitted proposed ballot language along with resolutions calling for the election, and presented a timeline for the process.

The council would adopt the resolution calling for a general municipal election in June, and July 7 would be the deadline for adopting a resolution to add a ballot measure. July through October would involve

community outreach — though the city cannot spend taxpayer funds to campaign for or against any ballot measure — and primary ballot arguments, the city attorney’s impartial analysis and rebuttal arguments would be due in August. Election Day is Nov. 3.

“The city is able to provide information to the public in a neutral and unbiased manner and in a format that is not argumentative,” Pierik told the council. “This involves utilization of the city’s standard methods of communication with the public.”

Resident Andy Carr, who used to own hotels, was incredulous the rate hasn’t changed in more than 25 years.

“That makes no sense to me,” she said. “It helps the residents. The residents come first, and everything else is secondary.”

Bad for business?

The Carmel Innkeepers Association submitted a nine-page analysis indicating a tax increase could hurt the city by discouraging overnight visitors and that higher TOT revenues have been generated by rising room rates that accompany improvements at the city’s hotels.

Innkeepers association member and Hofsas House hotel owner Carrie Theis urged the council to pay attention to the data.

“A very clear pattern emerges. Revenue growth in hotels has not been driven by higher tax rates, it’s been driven by the hotels,” she said. “We haven’t asked the city to do that — we’ve done it ourselves.”

Theis argued that diverting a larger share of the inns’ revenues to taxes leaves them less to spend on improvements.

“When total price increases, demand

will decline,” said Inns-by-the-Sea general manager Mark Watson.

“I think your decision to possibly increase TOT is going to backfire,” said Stilwell Hotel owner Mark Stilwell. “I really think it’s unfair to single out the industry that probably does more for the city,” tax-wise, than any other.

“There will be a vigorous opposition,” he promised. “I’d rather sit down and figure out other ways to help the city, but I feel you’re leaving us no choice.”

Carmel Residents Association board member Nancy Twomey also sided with the innkeepers.

“I’m on the side of, ‘Don’t kill the goose that lays the golden egg,’” she said. “I believe they’ve been delivering to us revenue at a rate that is far beyond what’s been budgeted in prior years.”

While some councilmembers said the city should develop ways to encourage hotel operators to undertake improvements — an effort that has largely failed in the past — the majority favored pursuing the ballot measure.

Negligent

“This is one of the most straightforward options for the city to pursue, and it seems like it would be negligent not to at least pursue it,” councilwoman Alissandra Dramov said. “In general, I don’t like tax increases.”

“I’m still a go at putting TOT on the ballot,” agreed councilman Bob Delves. “Running this business is our job, and we’re going to have to make some tough decisions, and I’m sorry.”

Byrne said he’d prefer to focus on a sales tax increase and finally implementing some sort of paid-parking program.



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DOG

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formally called MDMA, a stimulant with minor psychedelic properties that was first synthesized by Merck chemist Anton Köllisch in 1912. It was used to enhance psychotherapy beginning in the 1970s and became popular as a street drug in the 1980s.

White and Cox said they have no idea how Toby could have ingested the drug but suspect he picked it up somewhere along the way during their walk.

Overnight treatment

Toby was hospitalized for 24 hours to receive sedation and IV fluids, and White credited the veterinary team with his survival.

"He is now home, resting comfortably, and while still a bit tired, he is recovering well," White said earlier this

week.

"The experience was extremely distressing, and the veterinarian indicated that without prompt medical intervention, he may not have survived," Cox said.

White and Cox said they wanted to share their story so other owners and their pets might avoid experiencing such trauma.

"If you notice any unusual or sudden changes in your dog's behavior, please seek veterinary care immediately," Cox said.

MICHAEL PAUL MERRITT, AIFD

NOV. 28, 1945 ❖ MARCH 3, 2026
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Michael suddenly passed away shocking all who knew him in just the same manner as he arrived on this earth. It was only the next year, 1946, that Harry S. Truman proclaimed Nov. 28 as a day of thanksgiving. Michael was now a part of history being that his first birthday was on Thanksgiving Day. That is the legacy Michael left with us. He was an extraordinary person who thought outside the box, never taking the easy road and always striving for excellence. That was so evident in his profession as a floral artist.

Michael was born in Modesto, CA to Paul Russell Merritt and Agnes Luetta Ball, joining his elder brother of 10 years, Kenneth Russell Merritt. He had the nickname, Skip, and all his family called him that. Unfortunately his brother passed away in a car accident in 1971.

Michael attended Modesto High School and was a champion swimmer with his buddy, Ted, winning medal after medal. He learned how to swim by swimming in the canals in the area, not having any structured or professional lessons. He graduated in 1963 with his goal to become a commercial artist. He said he planned to design cereal boxes. He attended Modesto Junior College when he got a job as a delivery driver for a local flower shop. He said he was such a terrible driver that he had to rearrange the flowers before he delivered the arrangements. Then they were getting calls praising the arrangements and he said those are my designs. A floral artist was born! His first passion for flowers and garden material developed due to his grandma, Zaddy. She lived on a ranch in Modesto and grew all kinds of flowers, fruit and vegetables. He loved going to grandma's and being amidst all that beauty.

Shortly after graduating high school Michael married Carolyn Ginn and had two children, Reg and Juliet. He left Modesto for a few years to work for a floral shop in Fresno as their wedding designer and doing all the window displays. People would buy the entire window displays.

Michael opened his first flower shop in 1974 in Modesto, The Thoughtful Flower, a block from one of the most well-known and successful flower shops. In short order he was the one that all the carriage trade went to for their flowers. He was successful from the start being the designer who did many of the main events, weddings and parties for the movers and shakers in Modesto and Stanislaus County.

In 1978 he met Cheryl Simonian who was the Northern California and Northern Nevada representative for Teleflora when he was the president of the San Joaquin Floral Association. When he met her, he said, "I am going to marry her," and in later years he always said "Cheryl is the love of my life." Cheryl left Teleflora to work alongside Michael, handling the business while he created all the designs for the shop. They were married in 1982 and had two children, Michael and Christopher. It was a family affair running the flower shop and raising two boys who also worked in the shop starting at a young age.

In 1981 Michael was inducted to AIFD, American Institute of Floral Designers, and he became a lifetime member. He was busy with the floral shop, but worked many design shows for floral wholesale houses, garden clubs and symposiums. He loved to share his floral artistry, inspiring others to be free to design. Not be tied to set rules, he always said "floral design is not brain surgery."

He was one of the first floral designers who showcased his work at Bouquets to Art in San Francisco at the DeYoung Museum and was a regular participant



until a few years before he passed away. He was their featured designer for a few years at the inception of San Francisco Bouquets to Art. He would always select a place in the DeYoung Museum where there was a blank wall. He would say "they are here to see my art. They can see those paintings anytime!" That was so Michael!

Through the years Michael created programs for the Museum of Fine Art in Boston which started the concept of showcasing floral designs with works of art. He taught floral design in Taiwan for a month at staged programs and hands-on classes traveling throughout the country. He designed flowers for two U.S. presidential inaugurations in Washington, DC alongside his fellow AIFD buddies. He worked for a silk floral manufacturer and was sent to Hong Kong and China to help perfect their silk flowers for the U.S. market giving flowers a more natural look in design and color. That was his specialty.

For several years he was a designer helping to set up the showrooms for the international floral shows in Dallas and Atlanta. He loved working with all the product and displaying their material to highlight the product to the industry. He also taught regular classes at Filoli Gardens for several years and did hands-on shows for many garden clubs across the country. He loved to share his knowledge and see others develop their own style.

In 2007 Michael and Cheryl sold The Thoughtful Flower and moved to Laguna Beach thinking this was where they would retire. They said they were going over the wall. Many summers and Christmases, Michael and Cheryl with the boys would go and vacation in Laguna Beach where Cheryl's family lived. They bought a beautiful home in Laguna Beach with a full on view of the ocean. They loved it and thought this was where they would end up. However, life had another idea.

All the years Michael and Cheryl lived in Modesto, they would come to Carmel for the day or a three-day weekend, taking the boys. They must have stayed in every motel and hotel in Carmel during that time. So Carmel was a place that they both loved. After a few years in Laguna Beach, Michael was not fond of the traffic and wanted a change. Well, being the partner Cheryl was, they started moving north, ending up in

Carmel-by-the-Sea. They bought a house here and thought they would do freelance work and garden club and industry shows.

Shortly after buying the house in Carmel-by-the-Sea, they were walking to town for dinner and saw that the person that had the space on Seventh Avenue between Lincoln and Dolores next to the Cypress Inn had the windows covered and was moving out. Michael said, "I always told you that would make a great flower shop." He was game and Cheryl responded, "No, don't think so." After 35 years of owning a floral shop, the holidays, etc., was so much that retirement was great. Well, Michael said just one more ... you and me. Twigery was born in 2009 in Carmel-by-the-Sea ... the second floral rodeo.

Thank goodness that Michael pushed the idea because it was one of the best things they ever did. Carmel was heaven on earth for them. The locals and tourists took to Twigery instantly. It seemed like magic. Michael and Cheryl felt a part of the community instantly due to the welcoming residents and those who visited the shop. It wasn't work. It was fun and a labor of love. Michael always said "I make things and people buy my toys." Michael had an inherent gift from God and he figured it out early in life. His floral artistry was an eclectic look that would incorporate flowers, foliage, vegetables and easily flow throughout his design naturally.

Shortly after moving to Carmel-by-the-Sea, Michael wanted to join the Beach & Tennis Club in Pebble Beach. Cheryl was not too enthusiastic until one day she made a delivery for one of the members who was celebrating her birthday in the dining room at the club. Well, she went back to the shop and said OK, let's look into joining. The view in the dining room was all it took! They joined the Beach Club and the Stillwater Yacht Club because they heard they had the best parties. They became regulars at the gym and went to all the parties and events for the Beach Club and Stillwater Yacht Club. Their favorite place to dine at the Beach Club was at the bar, calling it Table No. 1.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl; his children, Michael (Rachel), Christopher (Carlie), Reg (Becky), Juliet (Kimo) and several grandchildren who all miss him dearly.

A scholarship has been established to honor his legacy of floral artistry called the Michael Merritt, AIFD Fund. To keep Michael's floral artistry alive, donations can be made online to aifdfoundation.org/DonateOnline or mailed to AIFD Foundation, P.O. Box 250482, Plano, TX 75025-0482, designating the donation is for the Michael Merritt AIFD Fund.

Lisa Siggers Vandervort

Lisa Siggers Vandervort passed away peacefully on Jan. 20, 2026, at the age of 65, after a courageous 15-year battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving husband, Russell ("Rusty") Vandervort; her Aunt Betty Addleman and her sisters, Laura Holmes and Valerie Farrell.



Lisa had a deep love for animals, found joy in swimming, treasured her time in Kauai and at the CVAC pool with her close-knit friends "the mermaids." A dedicated athlete, she competed in several Ironman competitions and was a strong paddler with Honolulu's Outrigger Canoe Club when she lived in Hawaii.

She is lovingly remembered by her sisters, Laura and Valerie; her brothers, Rick and Larry Siggers; her Aunt Betty; and her extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Valerie and Richard L. Siggers as well as her favorite Uncle, Frank Addleman.

Lisa's closest friend of many years, Cheryl Nelson, held a special place in her heart. The family also extends their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Zach Koontz, Dr. Brad Tamler and Dr. John Hausdorff who for many years provided compassionate care and support.

Her life will be celebrated at a later date with a paddle-out at the Outrigger Canoe Club in Honolulu.

ANNA J. MARSHALL

Anna J. Marshall ("Ann") passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 1, 2026, in Monterey, California.

Ann was born in Spokane, Washington on June 30, 1924, and lived in Davenport, Washington in her younger years. She received an A.A. degree at Cotty College (Missouri) and earned her Certificate in Physical Therapy from Harvard Medical School. Ann then earned her B.S. and master's degrees in physical therapy from the University of Southern California (and remained a lifelong Trojan!). She was also a member of the Delta Zeta sorority.



Ann served in the U.S. Army and later the Army Reserve, retiring as a colonel. Ann was an active and lifetime member of the American Physical Therapy Association, serving in local chapter offices and on national committees. She was associated with the Rehabilitation Services Department at CHOMP after moving to Carmel Valley in 1981.

Ann loved the Monterey area, and was very involved with local organizations. She was a member and past president of the Carmel Valley Women's Club, a member of the Garden Club and the Monterey Bay National Panhellenic Alumnae. Ann enjoyed spending time with her friends knitting and volunteering with various organizations in the community. She is survived by her son, David (Mindy); stepdaughter, Julie; stepson, William (Cindi) and grandchildren, Maren, Bennett, Adam and Tori.

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RAYMOND MICHAEL NARVAEZ, SR.

Dec. 24, 1926 – March 31, 2026

Raymond M. Narvaez and Aurelia Torrez-Narvaez passed away peacefully at home per their wishes, in their 100th year of life. They passed just a few days apart surrounded by their family.

Raymond and Aurelia met in 1958 at a Catholic social mixer at the Carmel Mission Basilica, beginning a lifelong partnership rooted in faith, family and shared joy. They were married in October 1960 at the Carmel Mission, where they remained devoted parishioners for decades. In their early years together, they enjoyed gardening, square dancing and building a life centered on community.

Raymond "Ray" Michael Narvaez, Sr. was born in 1926 to Leon Narvaez and Anna Pales-Narvaez in San Francisco, California, before they rejoined the family in Carmel. Born Ramón Miguel Narváez, he was a descendant of one of California's early families, with roots in California tracing back to José Agustín Narváez an early alcalde of San José during the Spanish and Mexican eras. He was also a descendant of the Revolutionary War patriot and militia officer Isaac Davis, one of the original minutemen, and Davis's descendant, William Dana, the Yankee sea captain who established a successful rancho in Nipomo, California under a Mexican Land grant in the 1830s. That branch of his family arrived in America in 1640.

At age 17, during the Second World War, Ray joined the U.S. Merchant Marine, sailing the world as an able-bodied seaman. He later served in the U.S. Army's Second Division during the Korean War, concluding his military service as a staff sergeant leading a recoilless rifle section of 18 men.

Aurelia "Rae" Narvaez was born in 1926 to José and Senovia Torrez in Calexico, California. After high school in the Imperial Valley, she moved with her family to Salinas where she was among the first female court reporters and Spanish language translators in Monterey County Superior Court in the 1950s. She later served in the Monterey County Department of Social Services. Rae was also active in labor organizations, including SEIU, where she advocated for workers and contributed to meaningful change in the



workplace. She received numerous accolades for her years of dedicated service to the union. For many years Rae volunteered as a polling place supervisor along with her daughter once her daughter was old enough to vote.

Together, Ray and Rae built a life defined by faith, service and devotion to family. Ray served for many decades as an usher at Carmel Mission Basilica, while Rae served as a Eucharistic minister and sacristan, and a member of the Altar Society. During Rae's retirement she brought the Liturgy of the Eucharist to the sick and homebound as well as making rounds at the Community Hospital. Ray was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, and Rae was a

AURELIA TORREZ-NARVAEZ

Sept. 25, 1926 – April 3, 2026

dedicated member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, including serving as state regent. Together for more than 30 years they enjoyed coordinating the "coffee and donuts" social hour after the 11 o'clock Mass.

Ray found great joy in gardening, which became both a passion and a legacy. As owner of historic Piccadilly Nursery in Carmel in the 1960s and 1970s — now Piccadilly Park — he also cared for gardens throughout the Carmel and Pebble Beach area. He delighted in sharing his horticultural knowledge and took pride in cultivating his own lush garden that complemented Rae's talent for flower arranging. Rae worked alongside him in their family business.

Rae and Ray were both avid San Francisco Giants fans, attending many games with their family. They cherished spending time with their grandchildren. Ray spent hours in the garden with them gathering eggs, teaching them about plants, birds and insects, and introducing them to and instilling an appreciation for the panoply of wildlife that passed through their property and in the adjoining Mission Trail Park. Rae shared her passions for coin collecting, ceramics, leatherwork and service to others, leaving a lasting impression through both her interests and her example.

They are survived by Ray's sister, Denise Narvaez-Wilson; their daughter, Anna Narvaez-Helms (Jeffrey Helms); their sons, Raymond Narvaez Jr. and Joseph Narvaez (Angela Eccles-Narvaez); their grandchildren, Adam Helms, Kaitlynn (Helms) Rausch (Max Rausch) and Matthew Helms (Joselyn Helms); their great-grandson, Revel Rausch; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

They were preceded in death by Ray's brother, Dennis Narvaez; and Rae's siblings, Alice, Julie, Socorro and Francisco ("Frank") Torrez.

A deep appreciation goes to grandson Adam Helms who cared for them in the latter 15 years of their lives. Gratitude also goes to VA in-home aide AJ, CNA Chris, Nurse Angie and her team, Personal Care Angel Cindy and Eucharistic Minister Patrick.

Their funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Carmel Mission Basilica at 10 a.m. Monday, April 27. Donations can be made in their names to the Carmel Mission, or to the Big Sur Land Trust, if desired.

RANCHO RICO

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Chappellet became vice president in 1942 and retired as senior vice president in 1963. He continued as a board member and adviser until 1978. He died in 1991.

Famous for building the P-38 Lightning during World War II, Lockheed produced 10,000 of the airplanes for the conflict. The aircraft is credited with shooting down more than 1,800 enemy planes.

Merging with Martin Marietta in 1995 to form Lockheed Martin Corporation, it is the world's largest defense contractor today.

Big Sur isn't the only place where the Chappellet family has left a legacy.

Seeking to create a world-class wine that rivaled what's produced in the Bordeaux wine regions of France, Cyril's son, Donn Chappellet, founded Chappellet Vineyard in St. Helena in 1967 and built it into one of Napa Valley's most respected wineries. He died in 2016. Today, Donn's eldest son — who is also named Cyril — runs the winery.

Allen said he was "honored" to play a role in the sale and "incredibly proud" of his staff's efforts.

"It is truly a landmark property," he added. "This was one of the most enjoyable and meaningful projects we've worked on. The ranch is now in the hands of a new steward who deeply appreciates the land and will continue its care, maintenance, and use in a responsible, Big Sur-minded way.

Ninfa Mineo

With heavy hearts and deep gratitude for a life so beautifully lived, we share that Ninfa Mineo passed away peacefully at home on April 9, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. She leaves behind a legacy rooted in unwavering faith, deep devotion to family, and a kindness that touched everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Ninfa was born on Aug. 30, 1937, in Terrasini, Sicily, to her loving parents Filipina and Francesco Grillo. In 1946, as a young girl, she immigrated to the United States with her family aboard the SS Marine Angel, a courageous journey that marked the beginning of a new life filled with hope, opportunity and promise. She embraced her new home wholeheartedly, attending Robert Down School, where she learned English, then Junipero High School where she made lifelong friendships and eventually built a successful career at Wells Fargo Bank.



It was during her time at the bank that she met the love of her life, Dominic Mineo. He would often smile as he told the story of the day that changed everything, the day he finally gathered the courage to walk into the bank and asked out the tall, beautiful Sicilian woman who had captured his heart.

They were married in 1961 and went on to share a deep and devoted love that spanned decades, until Dominic's passing in 2020. Together, they built a life centered on their Catholic faith, Sicilian community, family values, culture, love and laughter. They raised a family of four children who were the pride and love of Ninfa's life.

Ninfa was the heart of her family, a devoted mother, nana, sister, aunt and friend. She found her greatest happiness in caring for others and bringing people together. She was truly special. Her home was a place where the door was always open, the table full and everyone who entered felt like they belonged. Whether hosting holidays, sharing meals, or simply gathering for conversation, Ninfa created a loving space filled with warmth, laughter and love.

Her Catholic faith was a guiding light throughout her life. As an active member of San Carlos Cathedral and the Italian Catholic Federation, Ninfa formed lifelong friendships. Her generosity gave her time and energy in service to others. Her quiet strength, compassion and joyful spirit left a lasting impression on her community.

She enjoyed life's simple pleasures, going to daily Mass, playing cards with family and friends, and spending time surrounded by those she love most. Above all, it was her ability to make people feel seen, welcomed and loved that defined her. That gift was truly her own.

Ninfa was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dominic Frank Mineo; her parents, Filipina and Francesco Grillo and brothers, Dominic Grillo (Mitzie) and Peter Grillo.

She is survived by her children, Maria Francesca Mineo Burns (John), Phyllis Mineo Aiello (Tony), Lisa Mineo Worthington (Joe) and Frank Dominic Mineo; as well as her cherished grandchildren, Dominic Mineo, Anthony Aiello, Maria Aiello Van Duzer (Denton) and Ryan Burns; her great-granddaughter, Brooke Stella Van Duzer; her sister, Dora Incaviglia and her many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

In a touching and meaningful coincidence, Ninfa and her sister-in-law, Pat (Providence) Spadaro passed within a few hours of each other. Their reunion surely brought comfort, as they were no doubt welcomed with open arms by Dominic at the gates of heaven.

Ninfa's life was a beautiful reflection of faith, love and generosity. Though she will be deeply missed, her spirit lives on in the countless lives she touched and in the love she so freely gave.

Rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. to be followed by celebration of a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2026, at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey. Donations in her memory may be made to the Carmelite Monastery in Carmel and/or San Carlos Cathedral.

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JOHN W. STYPULA, JR.

March 15, 1938 - Feb. 26, 2026

John W. Stypula, Jr. — known to everyone as "Jan" — passed away peacefully at his home in Pebble Beach on Feb. 26, 2026. He was 87. For more than 65 years, Jan shared his life with his wife, Gail, together building a marriage rooted in devotion, partnership and shared memories. In recent years, they made their home at Spanish Bay, surrounded by the sea, friends and family they loved.

In addition to Gail, Jan leaves behind two sons, Curry and Mike; his daughter-in-law, Betsy; and two granddaughters, Abby and Olivia, who brought him enormous pride and joy. He is also survived by his sister, Joanne Stypula Talesfore, and her husband, Nick; his brother, David, and sister-in-law, Joyce; as well as many nieces and nephews. To them, he was affectionately known as "Uncle Bran," a nickname inspired by his lifelong commitment to healthy living — and shared with a smile.



Jan was born on March 15, 1938, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Algie and John W. Stypula, Sr. He grew up surrounded by a large, close-knit extended family, shaped by his Polish-American father's side and Italian-American mother's side. From an early age, Jan was drawn to building and design. Family projects remodeling and constructing homes were hands-on experiences that sparked a lifelong passion for architecture.

When the family moved west to California, settling in the San Jose area, Jan attended Willow Glen High School. There, he played football and distinguished himself both athletically and academically, laying the groundwork for what would become a remarkable professional journey.

That combination of discipline, creativity and hard work earned Jan a place at Stanford University. He majored in architecture, joined Alpha Tau Omega, played a bit of football, served as a student fireman and discovered a deep love for golf on the Stanford Golf Course. Stanford was also where he met the love of his life. Gail Aguilar lived at Stillman House, where Jan worked as a "hasher," serving meals to the all-female residents — work that, in retrospect, changed the course of his life.

Jan and Gail were married in June of 1960, the same month he graduated from Stanford. Never one to shy away from hard work, Jan juggled three jobs while pursuing his graduate degree, which he completed in 1962. Their first son, John Curry, was born in 1961 at Stanford Hospital. Shortly thereafter, the young family moved to Southern California, where Jan began his architectural career with A.C. Martin & Associates and later Faxon, Gruys & Saylor. Their second son, Michael Lynn, was born in 1963 while the family was living in Sherman Oaks.

In 1964, the Stypulas returned to the Bay Area, where Jan worked for Higgins and Root in Los Gatos before joining Spencer, Lee & Busse in Palo Alto. There, he spent the remainder of his career, eventually becoming a principal partner in what later became Spencer Associates. His professional life was marked not only by significant projects — including the California State Railroad Museum, the Coyote Point Museum, the San Francisco Bay Model Visitor Center and the Saratoga Community Library — but also by powerful relationships. His partners Bill Busse, Harry Rodda and Geoff Bertelsen were collaborators, confidants and lifelong friends. Several projects were developed through Promontory Partnership, a collaboration with renowned museum designer and planner, and good friend, Barry Howard of New York.

During this period of professional dedication, Jan balanced the long hours at work with golf at Stanford, tennis with Saratoga friends and frequent getaways to the Pajaro Dunes condo he time-shared with his partners. Jan also made time to enjoy Stanford football, the 49ers and the Giants, year after year.

Jan's love of building extended well beyond his profession. In 1969, he and his family undertook a long-term remodeling project of an older home in Monte Sereno — a labor of love that spanned decades until the home was sold in 1995. By then, Curry and Mike were grown, and Jan and Gail began a new chapter as empty nesters. Travel experiences during these years included trips to visit college friends, Bruce and Carol Mitchell, in New York and London. Later, sea cruises became a favorite way to get away and relax. Jan and Gail became movie fans, frequently attending a Saratoga movie theater which featured classic films of Hollywood's Golden Age.

The move to Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach in 1993 suited Jan perfectly. He enjoyed countless rounds of golf at The Quail Golf Club, treasured friendships old and new, lively social gatherings and many memorable family moments by the sea. He also became deeply involved in the Spanish Bay Homeowners Association, where his experience in design, construction, property ownership and stewardship proved invaluable in preserving the community he cared so deeply about.

Jan will be remembered as a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, a favorite uncle, a loyal friend and a man who found joy in creating — whether designing a museum, remodeling a home, or building a life filled with meaning and connection.

In accordance with his wishes, Jan's family will scatter his ashes in places that were especially meaningful to him and will hold a private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be sent to The Sempervirens Fund, Los Altos.

Native American-themed works in new exhibit at Monterey church

CELEBRATING NATIVE American culture in a variety of mediums, artist Becky Olvera Schultz has an exhibit of her work at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula. The church will host a free public reception Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

A resident of Aptos, Schultz employs her creativity to explore Native American culture throughout the hemisphere. Her ancestors include members of the Shawnee and Kickapoo tribes. She describes her art as “contemporary,” with “bold and striking

inaugural Holiday Native Arts Market in Santa Cruz County.

The show will be on display through June 4. The church is located at 490 Agujito Road. For more about Schultz’s art, visit native-expressions.com.

■ Facing Seaside again

Capturing the energy and vibrancy of Seaside’s business community, students from Weston Collective’s photography programs share their images in the fifth annual Facing Seaside exhibit, set for Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Oldemeyer Center.

The students attend Martin Luther King Jr. School of the Arts, the Dual Language Academy, Seaside Middle School and Seaside High School.

According to the group, the Facing Seaside project “enriches the cultural fabric” of the city and “empowers young individuals to see their surroundings through a creative lens.” “The initiative not only nurtures artistic talent, it strengthens community bonds by highlighting the importance of local businesses in residents’ daily



The Native American-inspired multimedia artwork of Becky Olvera Schultz is featured in a show at a local church through June 4.

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imagery.” She often focuses on Indigenous faces and warrior themes, “aiming to capture the spirit and dignity of the peoples of the Americas.”

“I create clay and mixed media Native American portrait-style masks, Southwestern-influenced clay and gourd masks, photography, collage, serigraphy, rawhide shields, dolls and mixed media,” Schultz explained. She recently launched the

lives,” the group said.

The students participate in Weston Collective’s in-class and after-school photography programs, where they learn how to “photograph, edit, print, matte and write narratives of their work.”

The Oldemeyer Center is located at 986 Hilby Ave. westoncollective.org.

■ Endless possibilities

Painter Keith Lindberg presents a free talk about his creative path Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Carmel Art Association. A show of Lindberg’s art, titled “Journey,” is on display in the downtown gallery through May 4.

“My work is the result of exploration and experimentation with the various theories of painting and visual mechanics,” explained Lindberg, who has been a member of the local art group for six decades. “This approach has endless possibilities and allows my journey in painting to continue to grow and remain interesting to

me.”

The gallery is located on Dolores Street between Fifth and Sixth (carmelart.org).

■ ‘Fifty Years of Photography’

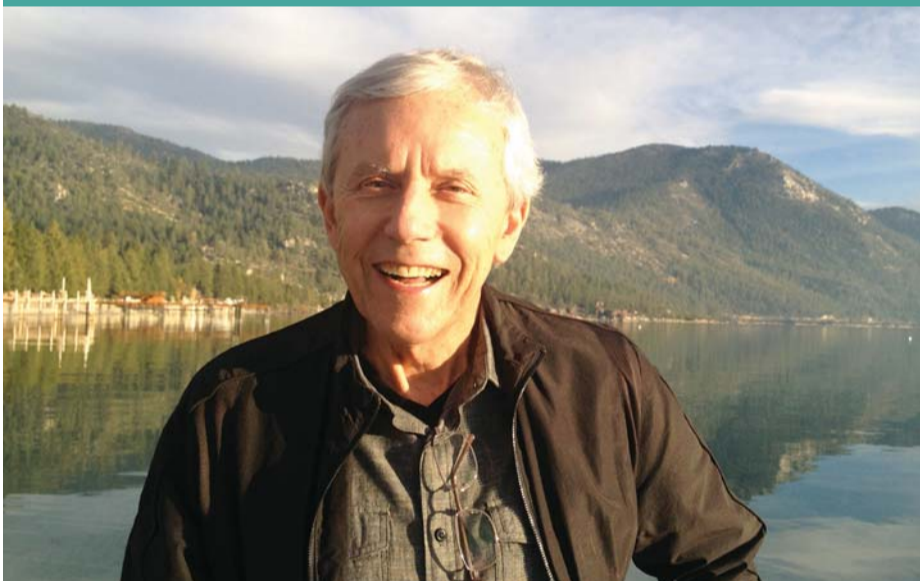
Winston Boyer’s striking photographs are the subject of a show at Del Mesa Carmel through May 9. Del Mesa’s Redwood Room will host a free public reception Saturday at 4 p.m.

While many of his contemporaries prefer black-and-white photography, Boyer favors bold colors. His work often focuses on the horizon and emphasizes the contrast between the warm tones of the sunset sky and the cooler shades of the sea.

Del Mesa Carmel is located at 500 Del Mesa Drive. Titled “Fifty Years of Photography,” the show and reception are part of PhotoCarmel 2026, a festival with receptions, book signings and talks at dozens of sites between Carmel and Santa Cruz through May 10. For more details, visit photography.org.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LAWRENCE LYONHARDT

April 18, 1940 – April 5, 2026



Lawrence Lyonhardt passed away leaving behind a legacy of community service, professional success, and deep devotion to family and friends. He will be remembered for his kindness, enthusiasm, and the lasting impact he made on those around him.

Raised in Los Angeles, Lawrence grew up in Northridge and was a track and field athlete at Birmingham High School in Van Nuys, later meeting his future wife, Kathy Hutton, at a senior high camp at Big Bear Lake in 1957. Together, they have three sons: David, Donald, and Jeffrey Burghardt. In 1968, the family moved to Carmel’s Mission Fields when Lawrence became Director of the Monterey Peninsula YMCA.

In 1971, he founded Project Aquarius, a pioneering youth crisis and drug abuse program now known as Community Human Services, which continues to serve the community decades later. He later joined Projects for Planetary Peace, leading many cultural exchange trips to the Soviet Union during the 1980s and bringing runners together across borders.

Lawrence was most widely known as a successful realtor on the Monterey Peninsula, respected and loved by colleagues and clients alike, and was a long-time running enthusiast. Above all, his family and close friends will remember his warmth, love of family, and joy for life.

He is deeply missed and will always hold a place in our hearts.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LAWRENCE’S CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL AT CARMEL’S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SATURDAY, MAY 9 FROM 11:00AM-12:30PM.

PATRICIA J. ZANETTA

Nov. 26, 1931 • Jan. 9, 2025

CARMEL – Patricia J. Zanetta, 93, passed away at the Carmel Valley Manor on Jan. 9th, 2025. Surrounded by family and friends, Patricia spent her final days as she had lived: with kindness and gentleness in her heart and a deep faith in the God that she loved.



Born on Thanksgiving Day, Patricia was raised in Carmel, Ca. and spent most of her life living on the Monterey Peninsula. She had adoring parents who provided her a rich childhood filled with wonder and creative expression. Their family summer days were spent camping and playing in Big Sur, where (as fate would have it) Patricia first met her future husband (Ernest/Bud Zanetta) when they were 10 and 12 years of age. Many years later, they met up and began dating.

Patricia’s mother was in the movies in early 1900s Hollywood, and later went on to open the June Delight Dance Studio in Carmel. Along with her two sisters, “Patsy” engaged in many dance and musical performances over the years — often held at the Sunset Center in Carmel. She loved dancing so much, that after graduating from Carmel High School, “Pat” went on to pursue a career in dance at the San Francisco Ballet Company and later, the San Francisco Ice Follies. When the director of the Ice Follies offered her a five-year contract contingent upon “remaining single,” she turned them down — as her relationship with her future husband had already become her top priority. She always said she never once regretted that life-changing decision.

Pat married her true love (Ernest/Bud Zanetta) in 1951 and as a stay-at-home mom, dedicated herself to raising their three children (Bruce, Craig and Lynn) in much the same way she was raised. Pat and Bud’s love for nature and music was passed down to their children and the family home was characteristically filled with laughter and joy, wrapped in a security blanket of consistent and unconditional love. Pat treasured being a mother and wholly lived for her children.

After the children were grown, Pat then went on to pursue some of her own personal goals and dreams: She joined the Community Hospital (CHOMP) Auxiliary and volunteered for 33 years there. She later went on to become the chairman of all hospital and healthcare volunteers of California, overseeing 150,000 volunteers. She sat on the Board of Trustees for the California Association of Hospitals & Health Systems and the California Healthcare Association. This kind of giving gave her a great sense of fulfillment, knowing she was making a positive difference in people’s lives.

Pat retired from her volunteer work when she was in her 70s and went on to enjoy her golden years, traveling the world with her loving husband, until his passing in 2012. Shortly after, she moved to C.V. Manor to live out the rest of her years.

Pat Zanetta was one of those rare souls who sincerely lived a life of gracious servitude. Those who had the privilege of knowing her were, are, and will be, forever blessed.

At the time of her passing, Patricia was survived by sons, Bruce Zanetta (Therese) of Monterey and Craig Zanetta (Terry) of New Hampshire; daughter, Lynn Zanetta (Kathy) of Downieville CA; and granddaughters, Sabrina Arana (Michael) of Oregon and Alicia Zanetta of New Hampshire.

Please join family and friends for a Celebration of Life in Patricia’s honor at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26th at Carmel Presbyterian Church (Ocean Avenue and Junipero, Carmel.)
Donations in Pat’s memory may be made to the Hospice of the Central Coast.

TERMITES

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touches, but since the state requires all workers employed on public works projects to be paid the prevailing wage determined by the Department of Industrial Relations, his options are a bit limited.

"I have yet to see what the paint quotes are going to be. We've been really enforcing the prevailing wage, so that really narrowed down my Rolodex," he explained. "We stick with local painters who are

registered with DIR, because anything over \$1,000 has to pay the prevailing wage."

The list of preliminary estimates of deferred maintenance presented to the Carmel City Council last week during a special meeting on budget topics suggested repairs and new paint at First Murphy, including sprucing up the pathways in the park, would cost \$22,000. That sum seems practically adorable when compared with other items on the list — such as \$14.7 million for the storm-drain system and \$3.8 million for Sunset Center — and represents a tiny fraction of the overall estimated deferred-maintenance total of \$101,985.

GAVEL

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sidered strikes under California's three strikes law. Martinez faces up to 93 years to life in state prison. Martinez will also be required to register as a sex offender.

In June 2024, Jane Doe and her mother reported to the Greenfield Police Department that Martinez, a family member, had molested Jane Doe when she was approximately 7 to 9 years old between 2017 and 2020. Martinez would touch Doe's intimate areas under the clothing multiple times a week.

He would also force Doe to touch him under clothing. The touching stopped when

Martinez moved out of the home when Doe was 10 years old.

According to research into sexual assault victim behavior, it is very common for victims to delay reporting sexual abuse, especially when the victim is a minor and has a close relationship with the perpetrator.

Greenfield Police officer Maria Martinez and detective Federico Tinoco investigated the case.

The prosecution was also assisted by district attorney investigator Joe Hernandez. Jane Doe was assisted by the district attorney's office victim witness advocates Mayra Sandoval, Kristin Peterson, and Ana Galvez. Court facility support dog Norma Jeane provided Doe with much-needed support during her testimony at trial.



JAN ZEIGLER

Aug. 26, 1937- April 7, 2026

Jan Zeigler, age 88, of Seaside, California, died on April 7, 2026, after a brief illness. Born Janis Sherrill Franklin on Aug. 26, 1937, she spent her teenage years living in the Centrella Hotel in Pacific Grove, which her parents, Forrest and Vera Franklin, owned and operated as a boarding house. Today, the Centrella is a boutique hotel.

She graduated from Monterey High and later earned an associate's degree from Monterey Peninsula College. As one of the founding members, along with artist Dick Crispo and Susan Long (who has been deceased for many years), she helped establish the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation.

Jan displayed and sold her paintings and paper cuts at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation [Forum] Gallery on Cannery Row and at the Reflections Elegante Fine Art Gallery in Monterey.

Married in 2002 to William Zeigler, the couple shared a passion for civil rights. They were both artists. Jan was a painter, paper cutter and multimedia artist; she made life her art, and William, as a photographer, mostly enjoyed photographing her. They were both members of the same gallery.

An active supporter of civil rights, Jan met her husband William while doing civil rights work around the county. They were members of the Monterey Peninsula Chapter of the ACLU. William later served as chairman. They also served on the executive committee of the Monterey Peninsula NAACP.

William recalls that when he asked Jan if she wanted a ring, she said no, she didn't need one. Debbie Anthony, a colleague on the NAACP Committee, overheard their conversation about William and Jan's wedding rings. Debbie Anthony is a longtime friend of both William and Jan, both as individuals and as a couple. Debbie showed up at William's workplace at lunchtime. "We are going to the jeweler's because, 'Every woman wants a ring.'" She got her ring!

Jan's other affiliations included serving as an organizer for the Seaside Art Association Open Studio Tour, the Auxiliary of the American Legion and as a legacy member of the Monterey Bay Aquarium. As an award-winning international artist, Jan was featured in the "Guild of American Paper Cutters Newsletter" and "First Cut," the main paper cutting magazine.

Jan was preceded in death by her sisters, Pat Antonio and Kay Kujac; and by her nephew, Franklin Antonio, who was a founder and CTO of Qualcomm. She is survived by her husband, William Zeigler of Seaside; brother-in-law, Ronald Zeigler of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; children, Beth Penney of Pacific Grove, Jeanne Mileti (son-in-law, Mark) of Carmel Valley and John Penney (daughter-in-law, Cathy) of Pacific Palisades; and her granddaughters, Monica Mileti and Dr. Lauren Penney.

Jan will be remembered for her beautiful paintings and delicate paper cuts, her passionate dedication to civil rights, her charitable acts and by her family and friends who loved her. A celebration of her life is planned for later in the year.

ANTONIO DAVI

July 7, 1944 – April 2, 2026

Antonio Davi passed away at the age of 81.

Antonio (known as Tony) was born on July 7, 1944, in Isola delle Femmine, Sicily, to Francesco Davi and Francesca Gina Cardinale. Tony lost his mother at the age of 3 and his father married Giovanna Vassallo, who raised him as her own. At age 13, Tony and one of his older brothers, Peter, migrated to the United States in March 1958 to join his father and oldest brother, Joe.

While attending school in Monterey, Tony met the love of his life, Sandi DaVigo. They married in 1966 and shared a devoted marriage until her passing on Aug. 24, 2022. Together, they raised three children and created a lifetime of cherished memories centered around family, traditions and time spent together, including many family events and trips back to Sicily.

Tony loved fishing, cooking for his family and meeting his friends downtown every morning for coffee. He spent many years sport fishing in Monterey, commercial fishing in Alaska and also in the San Francisco Bay. He loved sharing old memories and stories with all who would listen. He loved to sing and would often break into song at any given moment, bringing warmth and laughter to those around him.

He was a loving husband, father and Nonno, who worked hard throughout his life to provide for his family and spend time with those he loved. He is survived by his daughter, Gina; son, Santo (Nicole); daughter-in-law, Joelle; six grandchildren, Colin, Corey (Delica), Daniella (Israel), Alley (Elian), Antonio and Santo; brother, Peter and sister-in-law Lia of Monterey; sister, Gina and brother-in-law, Paul of Isola delle Femmine; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandi; son, Frank and oldest brother, Giuseppe (Joe) Davi.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated
at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 22 at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey.



To place an obituary for your loved one, contact Anne at (831) 274-8654

CHANNAORAH MEIR

(Born Wendy Miller)

March 10, 1944 – Jan. 2, 2026

Channaorah Meir, 81, passed away at her home in Carmel Valley, California, on Jan. 2, 2026. A beloved daughter, sister, aunt and friend, she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Born Wendy Miller on March 10, 1944, in San Francisco, California, Channaorah grew up in the city, attended Lowell High School and later graduated from the University of California, Berkeley.



Channaorah was a deeply loving and thoughtful person on a lifelong spiritual and psychological journey. For decades, she maintained a thriving psychotherapy practice in the heart of San Francisco. She was especially gifted at meeting people where they were — truly seeing them, validating their experiences and guiding them toward insight and growth.

As part of her evolving spiritual life, Channaorah moved in and out of various Jewish communities, including the Aquarian Minyan in Berkeley, Chabad of San Francisco and Berkeley and Beit Midrash Ohr HaChaim. In later years, she sought to create intimate spiritual gatherings in her cherished home in Carmel Valley, offering others meaningful

Jewish experiences in small, personal settings — most notably in her sukkah.

Channaorah had a profound love of animals and nature. Drawn to their beauty and the promise of a slower, more intentional pace of life, she moved to Carmel Valley in 2007. She delighted in long walks along the ocean, trips to Big Sur and years of dedicated sunrise qigong practice. She believed deeply in connection, and many of her neighbors came to feel more like family. Known affectionately around town as "the Dog Whisperer," she formed special bonds with countless animals and their humans alike. Her beloved pets, Neshama and Zoey, were her fur babies. The Carmel Knolls community will not be the same without her presence.

Channaorah is survived by her sister-in-law, Gerri Miller; her nieces and nephews-in-law, Lisa Miller and Andy Hellman, and Nicole and Theo Robins; her grandnieces and grandnephews, Arianna, Teigan and Liam Hellman and Liora and Ella Robins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth and Arnold Miller, and her older brother, Larry (Lawrence) Miller.

May her memory always be a blessing. We were truly blessed to have had her in our lives.

A small graveside service was held at Gan Yarok, Fernwood Cemetery in Mill Valley, on Jan. 9, 2026. A Celebration of Life will be held in Channaorah's honor on Saturday, May 2, 2026. If you would like to attend, please email nmiller629@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Channaorah's memory may be made to Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, Golden Oldies Cat Rescue, the Good People Fund, or Breast Cancer Prevention Partners.

Veteran players and a 19-year-old coach in the mix for lacrosse

EIGHT MEMBERS of the Stevenson lacrosse team were part of a 2025 squad that won the Pacific Coast Athletic League Gabilan Division crown with a 10-0 record and went 16-3 overall. Four of those players were also on the 2024 Gabilan championship squad that went 8-0 against division opponents.

This year's Pirates have plans to reach the Central Coast Section Division I lacrosse playoffs for the third consecutive year — even as they nurse a 4-8 overall record (4-2 in the Gabilan) into the stretch run of a schedule that has only five regular-season games remaining.

Carmel, 1-5 in the Gabilan and 1-7 overall, is stacking building blocks toward brighter days with 11 freshmen and sophomores on its 22-man roster. But the Padres' youth movement doesn't end there: First-year head coach Garrit Roghair is a 19-year-old sophomore at CSU Monterey Bay.

Punching up

Stevenson's bottom-heavy win-loss record is attributable to multiple factors:

First, the Pirates, as always, are punching above their weight, facing powerhouse opponents. They lost 11-4 to Junipero

students, injuries, illness, and ineligibility due to the mandated sit-out protocol for transfer students deprived coach Cooper Kehoe until this week.

"I'm not going to lie — it's been a challenge," said Kehoe (Stevenson '07), who welcomed the return of standout midfielder Derek Diniz, back on the field Monday after an injury that sidelined him for all but one football game and the entire basketball season.

"Driving up to San Jose game after game to face high-quality opponents — teams that played a bunch of games before we played our first — isn't always fun, especially when your team isn't full strength," he said. "But I'm not worried. They're working hard, getting better every day. We're starting to peak right now."

Stevenson's best overall player, senior Laird Welch, is a long-stick midfielder whose next stop as a lacrosse player is Connecticut College.

"He's our all-purpose guy, our tone-setter, our energy-creator," Kehoe said. "He typically matches up against the best offensive player on the other team, and he just wreaks havoc."

All-division

Welch and Diniz earned first-team All-Gabilan honors in 2025, and Welch was a first-teamer as a sophomore. Diniz was also a football standout — an all-division wide receiver and defensive back



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Laird Welch, a senior co-captain (above), runs the entire field as Stevenson's all-division long-stick midfielder. He'll play next season at Connecticut College. Fin Mink (right), a record-setting quarterback last fall, is a key defender for Stevenson this year as a senior.



as a junior — while Welch was a two-time PCAL Offensive Player of the Year in water polo.

Also decorated last season as juniors were midfielder Logan Lund (who handles faceoffs), defender Fin Mink, and attacker Grady Roth (both midfielders this year).

Those three earned all-division plaudits on Stevenson's football team last fall, when Mink, the quarterback, threw for 2,546 yards and 33 touchdowns, Roth, a wide receiver, caught 35 passes for 530 yards, and Lund, a cornerback, was part of a defense that allowed just 12.9 points per game.

Another notable middle is sophomore Topher Moan, who transferred to Stevenson from Monterey High after earning second-team All-Mission Division honors as a ninth grader. Moan missed the first half of this season due to transfer rules but recently became eligible.

Other varsity veterans on the attack line include sophomore Connor Aeschliman and senior Andrew Vanoli, both attackers.

Aaden Ornelas, a junior, is a first-year starter at goalie, stepping into the shoes of departed Jett Jones, who was All-Gabilan last season.

He's supported by a line of defenders with seniors Tucker Green and Tucker Biggs, both all-division football linemen, and sophomore Lincoln Clymo.

Other contributors have included midfielders Oliver Vasquez, Liam Li and long-stick midfielder Hudson Kresl, all freshmen.

Captains at Carmel

Carmel's rookie coach, a 2024 graduate of University High in Irvine, has a largely inexperienced team led by tri-captains Connor Reilly, a senior defender; junior midfielder Luca Forman, and sophomore Matthew Ellis, an attacker and faceoff specialist.

But Roghair, who plays club lacrosse at CSUMB, has a roster filled with multisport

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Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Serra (ranked No. 4 in CCS), 10-3 to Granite Bay (No. 6 in Sac-Joaquin), 9-2 to Los Gatos (No. 7 CCS), 8-5 to Archbishop Mitty (No. 10 CCS), 10-8 to Bellarmine (No. 6 CCS), 10-9 to Palma (No. 11 CCS), 13-3 to Westlake Village (No. 18 in L.A. Metro), and 12-9 to San Ramon Valley (No. 8 in North Coast).

Their first eight games were on the road, mostly in the San Jose area. Meanwhile, holiday breaks, late-arriving boarding

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athletes battle-tested skills in other arenas.

“I came here just six months ago, so I didn’t know my players, but I’m really excited about this team,” said the coach, a lacrosse player since the fourth grade. “I figured out during my first couple of weeks that these guys have a lot of drive, and they want to get better.”

Another plus: Thirty-five kids showed up for practice this year — a lacrosse record at Carmel High. Now, it’s about building camaraderie and chemistry as well as a toolbox for each player.

Reilly, a football running back, is a hustling workhorse who brings speed and aggression to a defense that also features Brayden Pacleb, a freshman with good size and experience playing travel ball. Others protecting the goal include juniors Simon Papazian and Brayden Rhodes, and sophomores Lance Comello, Giancarlo Montellese, and Jackson Haag.

The goalkeeper, Logan Phares, is playing the position for the first time, but Roghair already likes what he sees.

“Logan is a baseball catcher, so he’s been in a similar kind of role,” the coach said. “He’s got great reaction time, and he’s really picking up the game fast.”

Natural leadership qualities

Forman, a captain, brings fleet feet and a positive attitude to the midfield, where he’s emerging as a natural leader.

“He loves to have conversations with the coaches about how we can get better,” Roghair said. “And he’s always asking how he can improve.”

Daniel Bodensteiner, a junior, and Ellis, a sophomore, bring travel ball experience and versatility that enables them to play midfield or attack.

Others finding playing time in the middle include senior Carson Bates, junior Evan Gaily, and sophomores Teddy Riser and Kip Walburn.



Carmel junior Dan Bodensteiner, an experienced travel-ball player, can play midfield or attack for the Padres.

The attack line features senior Liam Riddolls, Bodensteiner, Ellis and Riser.

Long pole duty is a competition among Papazian, Rhodes, Comello, Montellese and Pacleb.

“We’ve already had some rough games, but these guys show up to practice ready to work every day, and we’re seeing progress,” said Roghair, who is assisted this year by Mike Scattini and former UC Davis midfielder Kyle Sutherland. “The past two weeks, we’ve worked on upping the intensity and turning the adversity we’ve faced into a tool that will help us dominate.”

Stevenson plays a 4 p.m. Gabilan Division home game Friday against Palma and has a nonleague clash with Menlo-Atherton at 1 p.m. Saturday, also in Pebble Beach.

Carmel hosts Palma at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday in a division game.

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Fighting cancer with a keypunch

IN 1970, Ted Williamson read a brief notice in the Monterey Peninsula Herald that Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula planned to introduce cobalt therapy — the medical use of gamma rays from the radioisotope cobalt-60 — to treat cancer, but most readers probably missed the announcement or failed to understand its significance.

Not Williamson. The Navy nuclear engineer — he'd finished his Ph.D. in the subject two years earlier, at 25 — and physics professor at the Naval Postgraduate School knew about cobalt therapy, which his mother had undergone three years earlier.

"Using X-rays to kill cancers started in 1896," Williamson said. He explained that it happened in Chicago, where Rose Lee was the first patient treated with X-rays for recurring breast cancer, which temporarily went into remission. "Suddenly everyone in the world was using it," he said.

He realized that the hospital would need a radiation safety officer — a job he held at



Ted Williamson

called a Varian 4-million-volt linear accelerator. Dahle set up training for Williamson in medical physics and dosimetry at the Saroni Institute in San Francisco. His boss at NPS arranged for breaks in his schedule so he could make the commute to the city.

While Williamson was at Saroni, he met Dr. David Holley, who became a radiation oncologist and served from spring 1972 until his retirement a few years ago.

Williamson was also invited to participate in a meeting where he was introduced to the tumor registry — an information tracking system that followed people who had cancer. Among other things, the information is used for quality control and research. At the time, Williamson said, it was simply, "a secretary with a box of 4-by-6 cards."

New Jersey telephones

"My first exposure to the potential benefit of cancer registries came when Dr. Holley asked me to generate reports documenting our growth in the first few years," he said, "which would help Community Hospital CEO, Mr. Tom Tonkin, make some financial commitments to the department."

Williamson used a service from Memorial Sloan Kettering, the nationally renowned cancer center in New Jersey, to do treatment planning on one of their mainframe computers. A teletype machine was installed so he could send data needed for planning and receive the results of their calculations. Yet an ongoing telephone

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She put the brushes down so she could 'feel the paint'

A DECADE ago, not long after her divorce, Kristy Chettle took an emotional midnight stroll six blocks to her art studio. There, she opened a bottle of whiskey, stared into a blank canvas and made a spontaneous decision that changed her art career.

"You know what? I really want to feel this paint," she remembers thinking. "I'm

with my work," she wrote in an artist statement. "My understanding of design comes through as I consider each layer."

Chettle traces her feel for design to advice from a counselor at the College of San Mateo and mentoring from a professor at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo who helped her channel an interest in art into a 30-year career as a graphic designer — mostly self-employed.

She has volunteered her services to support causes near and dear, including Rising International, which benefits impoverished women and children, and

Save the Whales.

"I'm an Earth steward," declared Chettle, who recalls spending childhood summers swimming and body surfing, running free through mountain forests and learning lessons about respecting nature from her mom, a scuba diver, her dad and stepmom, who are artists, and a favorite grandma.

Fraught with hiccups

"I've spent my life teaching wellness of self, community and Earth to others through art and creativity," said the artist, who paints exclusively on recycled canvases and repurposed wood.

Chettle has imparted those philosophies to art students in the Pacific Grove Unified School District (2004-present) and Big Sur Charter School (2016-2017). She also teaches private and group lessons in her spacious studio overlooking Forest Avenue.

Chettle's artistic beginnings in Manhattan Beach were fraught with hiccups.

"I took my first art class in middle school and got a C," she mused. "I took an art class in high school where the teacher gave me a D-minus and told me, 'You are not an artist!'"

That comment, she said, is still with her today as she teaches her own classes: "How many of you think you're an artist?" she sometimes asks.

"Very few will raise their hands," Chettle said. "And I'll say, 'I bet all of you are going to feel like artists when we're done with our project.'"

'Aimless'

Chettle said she was "totally aimless" as a high school student, uninterested in a rigid curriculum that discouraged creativity.

"I went to a school with 2,500 students — almost 600 in my class — and barely graduated," she said. "The minute I was out, I bailed, went to live with my aunt for a semester, then enrolled at the College of San Mateo."

That's where she had a fateful conversation with a counselor.

"What do you like to do?" he asked.

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Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

just gonna paint this with my hands."

She worked in acrylics for most of her artistic life, but Chettle cranked up the music, squeezed a great glob of oil paint into her hand and began to play, feel and emote. She moved colors, layers and textures into the wee hours of the morning, following her instincts and heart, throwing away the rules until the piece began to talk back.

"I remember not being able to sleep when I got home because of the excitement I was feeling: 'Wow ... this is what I need to do!'" Chettle reflected.

"I'd been through a lot of trauma, and suddenly I felt really full again," she said. "It turned into a really good time in my life. I was vibrant."

'Focused frenzy'

Chettle is a lyrical abstract artist and abstract expressionist whose paintings are characterized by passionate colors, both warm and cool. Her patterns suggest emotion and motion — the spontaneity of her hands-on process with no brushes, rarely even a palette knife.

"I work in a sort of focused frenzy, feeling the paint move through my fingers onto the canvas, connecting me deeply



PHOTO/DENNIS TAYLOR

Pacific Grove abstract artist and educator Kristy Chettle paints almost exclusively with her bare hands.

Great Lives

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

NPS — and got in his car and headed up the hill to the hospital.

Williamson presented his credentials to Dr. Ben Dahle, chair of the radiology group engaged in obtaining better cancer treatment tools, and was hired immediately.

Excited to participate, Williamson soon learned the cobalt therapy machine had already been replaced by the latest advance in treatment technology — something

From the mayor's desk —

The day it got really personal

By DALE BYRNE

LAST WEEK, I was at a friend's house at 3 p.m. when he suddenly became pale, disoriented, and appeared to be losing consciousness. I called 911. The call was forwarded to three different people, each asking me to explain our location. That is what it takes today to get help to your door in Carmel. Soon, that process will be refined. Thanks to a bold decision by the council and focused work by a councilmember-led committee, we will finally have proper street addresses. The location will no longer be a discussion point.

What followed those phone calls became a real-time test of decisions that took years to put in place.

The new system worked

When my call came in, Carmel's ambulance had left three minutes earlier on another call. The county unit, more than 20 minutes away, was the backup. In a cardiac event, that gap can be the difference between life and death. But, within minutes, I flagged down the responding Carmel police officer, and one of our

engines was immediately behind. On that engine was a paramedic trained to deliver advanced life-saving care. Within minutes, the paramedic had conducted a full workup and stabilized my friend.

Five years of hard questions

None of this happened quickly in a town where the average age is above 60 and growing. Five years ago, as a private resident, I was one of very few attending budget meetings and began asking questions about our emergency equipment. Our city crews had told me our fire engines, ambulances, and even our street sweeper were well past their useful lives. For years, decisions were deferred. But I kept showing up and speaking up until those needs were addressed. The street sweeper arrived first. The emergency equipment would take years longer. But aging equipment was only part of the problem.

Our ambulance service had been badly mismanaged for years. A committee studied the issue and passed it along unresolved to this council. In a public meeting, I asked

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strike in New Jersey stalled the process.

“At the national meeting of medical physicists in Houston, I had a chance meeting with a senior Memorial Sloan Kettering physicist to whom I explained our problems,” said Williamson. “A week later, I received a box of IBM cards in the mail with the full set of MSK software, which enabled us to run the planning programs locally. A key-punch machine was obtained so I could produce the data entry cards.”

Uncomfortable using the NPS computer too frequently, he said he “knocked on doors” and discovered two other IBM-360 machines in town — one at a bank and one at McGraw Hill — which provided the service for free.

“We had a keypunch machine in the radiation oncology department at CHOMP, so I would create the data input cards there,” he said. “Then, near the end of the day, I’d drive down to McGraw Hill with the program and data cards in hand. They would feed the cards to the computer, and a couple of minutes later, my plans would spool out of their big printer. Patient data cards for the registry would

be created at CHOMP.

“The result was a simple registry system in which the data we wanted to collect was maintained in three IBM punch cards. This worked because, even then, there were coding systems for much of what we wanted to record,” he said.

“The tumor site could be identified with just three characters, the tumor type required five, the number of treatments, two, and the dose, four characters. We had 240 characters to play with, so it worked.”

Back to school

Meanwhile, Williamson’s wife, Eileen — a health educator — thought the training manual for the registry was, in a word, “awful,” and reworked it.

Williamson became the tumor registrar, and, at 31, his path was about to take an even more dramatic turn.

“My work at the hospital was much more interesting and rewarding” than academia, he said. “I loved working with patients.”

With support from Holley and other radiologists, in June 1973, Williamson left the Naval Postgraduate School and Community Hospital and drove his family to Miami in a Ford Pinto wagon. He attended medical school there for two years before relocating to Seattle to get out of the heat and finish his training — although that wasn’t the original idea.

“The plan was to come back to do a residency at Stanford and then join Dr. Holley once Dr. Dahle retired,” he said. “That didn’t work out. Dr. Dahle died before I finished, and somebody at Stanford forgot to notify me that I had been accepted into the program — I am not kidding — so I ended up in Seattle for my residency.”

During his residency, he got back into programming, which led to his next generation of registry software,

designed specifically for radiation oncology. Called “Regist,” it mirrored the work he had done at Community Hospital but with different features. Marketed in 1981 by ADAC Laboratories in Sunnyvale, it evolved into Oncolog, a specialized cancer-tracking software still used in many hospitals nationwide.

The Williamsons sold the company in 2001, and 40 years after its creation, it is still in business.

“We decided to sell for two reasons: the demands of my clinical practice and difficulty finding the local talent needed to move into the Windows era,” he said. “We had a contract with Varian Corporation, then a Fortune 500 company, and they introduced us to folks that could do the job. The company changed hands in March 2001.”

He continued, “I planned to stay on for a year after the company sold, but I’m still involved. I’ve limited my role to taking data and molding it into reports that are useful to hospitals.”

After working in the field of radiation oncology for four decades, Williamson said he retired from medical practice nine years ago and divides time among being medical director of Onco — the company that he founded — volunteering as a consultant to the National Cancer Database, and, as he put it, “activities retired people do.” And some familiar software has returned “home,” so to speak.

When Mark Hennigan joined Community Hospital in 2024 as director of its comprehensive cancer center, he determined the software there was outdated.

“I was familiar with Oncolog,” he said, “so I requested we upgrade to this database. We went live last October, which is how I became familiar with Dr. Williamson. It is a story and a contribution that has come full circle as we now have his product in use here at Community Hospital.”

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former Fire Chief Andrew Miller a series of direct questions. The answers were not comfortable. Our service was on the verge of losing its license. Both ambulances were breaking down regularly. It eventually became clear that our units had been making mutual aid calls while AMR collected the \$2,000 fee that should have come to Carmel. Our city was effectively subsidizing a private company and receiving nothing in return.

The cost of delay

Kicking the can down the road has a cost that is easy to ignore until it isn’t. Recently, we have had times when both ambulances and both engines were out of service, forcing Carmel to rely on equipment from outside agencies. That is not a strategy. It is the result of years of deferred decisions.

Last year, this council unanimously voted to retain and rebuild our ambulance service by merging it with Monterey Fire and staffing our engines with ALS paramedics. When both ambulances failed, we moved quickly to secure a quality replacement unit.

Last week, that backup ambulance and our new fire engine entered service. Our new ambulance is on the way and will be operational before June. We are also receiving compensation for mutual aid calls, and our new address system will close a critical gap in response times. For the first time, Carmel will have a fully functioning, modern emergency response system.

That afternoon, a professional, skilled and focused first responder team was working on one thing: keeping my friend alive. Because of the decisions this council made, they have the equipment, training and management to do exactly that.

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LETTERS

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perspective and narrative. They were more ‘listicles’ than articles. Surely there are interesting stories behind many of these nonprofit organizations, as well as their revenues and executive salaries. But The Pine Cone didn’t report these stories.

You merely plucked a couple very limited details from public filings. This selectivity incorrectly implies: 1) a relationship between an executive director’s salary and the organization’s income; and 2) the health and effectiveness of the nonprofit. But of course, that’s not the case.

Revenues for nonprofits are different from annual sales figures for commercial enterprises. Executive salaries at for-good institutions should be assessed in the context of not only current annual revenues, but also their financials over several years (reserves, investments, liquidity, efficiency of program spending...), as well as the scope of the organization’s mission and, ultimately, its measurable contributions to society.

Assessing the financial picture of a nonprofit requires seeing the movie, not a quick glance at a partial snapshot.

Don Blohowiak,
Carmel

Poor performance, more money

Dear Editor,
During my 50 years of work, I received modest, merit-based pay raises if my organization had a good year. Pay for performance works.

Pacific Grove’s part-time mayor and city council placed Measure C on a special election ballot (June 2) to give themselves a 135 percent pay increase and California Public Employees’ Retirement System pension spike. Have they earned it? Based on my experience serving 12 years as a city council member and several years as mayor of Auburn, I’ve been taken aback by P.G.’s apathetic approach toward providing basic municipal services.

They’ve done nothing to prevent catastrophic fire risk at George Washington Park. Nothing to stop dangerous erosion along Ocean View Boulevard. Nothing to help prevent power outages. They spend pennies on road and sidewalk repair compared with other cities. No downtown improvement plan. Speeding vehicles get a free pass on our roads. But they’re quick to spend \$141,000 of our

tax dollars for political consultants to create tax-raising campaigns to pay for increased council compensation and \$60,000 for a low-turnout special election just for Measure C. They’ve voted to consider giving themselves Cadillac health coverage for part-time work.

I’m voting no on Measure C until our city council starts doing its job.

Kevin Hanley,
Pacific Grove

Water district rebates

Dear Editor,
I read your recent article regarding the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District’s ordinance 152 lawsuit and rebate checks. I served on the ordinance 152 citizen oversight panel from 2017 to 2024. The sunset clause did allow the board discretion as to the appropriate timing of this action; at the time of litigation, it was under consideration. The ordinance states: “The district shall require the annual water supply charge to sunset in full or in part unless the board determines that the purpose of the charge is still required, and the amount of the charge is still appropriate and less than the proportionate cost of the service attributable to each parcel on which the charge is imposed.” The courts decided it should have ended.

When the Cal Am collected water fee was suspended, it created a district deficit of \$3.4 million a year. The district delayed the sunset partially because the restored fee was insufficient for several years to cover the deficit and costs for ongoing projects. I want to share some positive impacts of the water supply charge so the public does not see the issue only through a lens of “holding the district accountable.”

Specifically, the water supply charge partially funded the Pure Water Monterey recycling project, now providing 60 percent of our drinking water, ending overpumping of the Carmel River. It was also used to expand capacity for aquifer storage and recovery, a program that collects excess runoff in rainy periods to store underground for drought or dry years, and pay back loans for this project. It also funded engineering, hydrological, legal, and environmental studies for future water supply projects, including expansion of Pure Water Monterey. The charge also covered staff costs and maintaining financial reserves for water supply infrastructure improvements, including at the Monterey Regional Airport, Pacific Grove, and Del Monte Golf Course, and direct expenses for providing water services. Some funds were used for legal costs for the voter

directive to acquire Cal Am’s water system. The public deserves to know both the positives and the negatives regarding this issue.

Susan Schiavone,
Seaside

Capital gains injustice

Dear Editor,
There’s a quiet injustice baked into the tax code, and it’s hitting older Americans right where they live. In 1997, under President Bill Clinton, Congress set the capital gains exclusion on the sale of a primary residence at \$250,000 for individuals and \$500,000 for couples. Then they walked away. No adjustment for inflation. No recognition of what was coming. And what came was a housing market explosion.

Today, in California, a modest home bought decades ago can carry a gain that turns a retired couple into “the wealthy” for about 15 minutes, just long enough for the tax bill to hit. After that, they’re simply older Americans with less money to downsize, relocate, or live more comfortably. So, they don’t move. They stay put in homes that no longer fit their lives, and live near schools their children no longer attend. Meanwhile, young families circle the block, locked out of neighborhoods where there should be natural turnover. The result? A housing market that doesn’t move and a tax system that punishes mobility. This isn’t fairness. It’s a policy failure hiding in plain sight. Rep. Jimmy Panetta has a real opportunity here. Not a symbolic one. Not a virtue-signaling one. A meaningful one. Fix the exclusion. Index it to inflation. Or better yet, bring back the ability to roll gains forward when someone reinvests in another home.

This isn’t a giveaway. It’s about common sense. Government collects nothing when people don’t sell. But when they do, they spend, invest, and move the economy forward. Everyone benefits.

Right now, the system rewards one thing: staying put until you die so your heirs get a stepped-up basis. That’s not tax policy. That’s perverse incentive design.

The question is simple. Will Panetta step forward and lead on this, or let it remain one of those problems everyone agrees on, but no one quite takes ownership of? It’s the kind of fix that doesn’t require fanfare, just a willingness to act. And if he does, a lot of Californians will notice and be grateful.

Rosemarie Barnard,
Prunedale



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ADDRESSES

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“Once the city implements new residential addresses, voters will be able to update their voter records to include the new residential address and the separate mailing address,” she continued. “This can be done after the primary election.”

Carroll said the elections department is planning to send postcards containing information on updating voter registrations

to residents once they have their new addresses.

Monterey County Assessor Xochitl Camacho has also been working with the city but is off this week, according to Carroll, so information on what residents and property owners can expect from her department after the change was sparse, but Garay provided a bit of detail on that score.

“When the addresses are final, you will receive a letter at whatever address the assessor’s office uses,” she said. “It will have the city seal on it and will say this

is your assigned address, and you may be able to use it now.”

Condos, stores

But Garay and others are still trying to finalize the system for dealing with multi-unit buildings, such as apartment and condo complexes, and they’re asking landlords to lend a hand.

“We’re trying to get that second address so everyone can have a verifiable physical address,” via the U.S. Postal Service’s Address Management System she said, such as 123 Main St. Unit A.

For example, The Carmel Foundation’s Norton Court senior housing complex at Dolores and Fifth will have the address of 475 Dolores St., but its individual units need to be assigned numbers or letters to identify them.

“It has proved challenging,” Garay said.

To help get it done, city staff and volunteers divided the city into nine zones and are going from property to property to talk to landlords and determine the proper system for assigning unit identifiers.

“This is just to survey unit numbers, it’s not code enforcement or anything like that,” she explained. “If you have a multi-unit building, please reach out to the city. We’re trying to gather all the data and get it all together.”

Garay, assistant city administrator Marisa Bermudez and their team are also asking owners and landlords of such properties to reach out to them at askstreetaddresses@ci.carmel.ca.us.

“You can help us streamline the process and ensure accuracy for your tenants,” they said.

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HIKER

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A second hiker said they encountered a man who told the group he was the woman’s friend and that he had found her face down in the creek. A report said he was cold and shaking.

“He looked scared, nervous and shocked,” the second hiker said. “His face was numb and dull.”

A third hiker wondered if the man had murdered the woman.

“We didn’t know if this guy was just having the worst day of his life or if he had just killed someone,” he added.

The third hiker said the man told him that around 10:30 a.m., Shields had gone down to the river to clean herself, and when he went looking for her, he found her lying face down in the water.

Suspicious scene

After the discovery of the woman’s body, the sheriff’s office, state parks rangers and Big Sur Fire responded to the scene, with a California Highway Patrol helicopter lowering a rescue worker to the site where the woman was found.

“The scene appeared suspicious, so the

area was secured until Monterey County Sheriff’s deputies arrived,” Big Sur Fire reported.

Due to wet weather and darkness, the body wasn’t recovered until the following day, and a forensic medical examination was conducted April 13. “The cause and manner of death are pending the results of toxicology tests,” the sheriff’s office said.

On Shields’ Instagram page, she described herself as “just a girl on a healing journey finding how far her wild goes surfing the streets.” On her Facebook page, she listed electric skateboard manufacturer Evolve Skateboards as her employer and shared numerous photos of herself on the company’s boards.

“We’re deeply saddened by the passing of Joanna, a valued member of the Evolve family, friend, colleague and ambassador,” the company posted on Instagram Wednesday. “She brought so much to our community and will always be remembered.”

Shields’ sister, Claudia Robinson, described her as “a bright, radiant light.”

“My family lost our precious baby sister, Joanna, the youngest of the 12 of us, last week in a tragic event while she was backpacking in Big Sur,” Robinson said on Instagram. “We’re all in different stages of grief as we attempt to process such a devastating blow to our hearts.”

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NEW PLAN

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of their buildings during Car Week would also have to pay Estep to keep them at night. He questioned whether the city is poised to receive enough money in the arrangement.

Resident Shirley Moon said she is “totally against continuing to alter Carmel in order to modify bad behavior that accompanies Car Week events.”

“Car Week has no measurable economic benefit for the city that justifies adding more and more events that require more and more negative impacts to our village,” she said. “We have exceeded the saturation point.”

Rather than finding ways to manage parking, congestion and noise, she suggested, “Why don’t we ask ourselves, ‘Why are we doing this to ourselves?’ Please slow this down and think this through.”

Worth a try

Commissioner Judy Refuerzo said she supports the concept on a trial basis, and Commissioner Jeff Meacham agreed.

“It’s well thought out,” he said. “We should certainly try it before we suggest eliminating this type of program altogether.”

Commissioner Ellen Martin said she supports it but suspects there will be issues that need to be worked through, and Chair Maria Ruess acknowledged that, with Car Week not going away anytime soon, it’s worth a try.

Commissioners then considered the proposed agreement with Good Roots, which would pay a \$21,822 license fee in exchange for organizing and implementing the parking plan. Estep’s business would provide 40 employees onsite, equipment and materials, insurance and

other necessities and would keep the parking fees. The license agreement would take effect May 5 — assuming the city council approves it — and expire Aug. 31, but it could be renewed if everyone is happy with the results.

It’s also easily revoked if something goes awry or the setup doesn’t work.

“The city may terminate this agreement for any reason related to public interest or due to licensee’s reasonably unsatisfactory performance of the services upon providing licensee eight hours’ advance written notice,” it says. “Any fees paid by licensee shall be prorated based on the effective date of termination, and city shall refund to licensee any unused portion of such fees corresponding to the period after cancellation.”

Council to decide

“If on Thursday it just didn’t work out, the city could then give notice to say the program’s not working, so it’s being terminated,” explained city attorney Brian Pierik, who drafted the agreement. There are also provisions for immediate termination if public safety is at risk.

Pierik noted the contract has the parking plan beginning at 5 p.m. and running until 10, with the streets reopening at midnight, because that’s what Good Roots requested. When the commission and council previously discussed the concept, the start time was 6 p.m.

“The council would need to decide,” he said.

Martin said she hopes Good Roots will be given the chance to remedy any issues before the city pulls the plug on the deal.

“I think it’s a good starting point and a good plan,” she said.

“It encompasses what we’ve wanted to do here,” Ruess said. “I think it protects us as a city.”

The commission unanimously voted, with Kati Enea absent, to recommend the city council OK the deal with Good Roots.



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The first quarter in Pebble Beach is typically a period of re-engagement. As inventory begins to return and buyers re-enter the market with intent, early activity often sets the tone for the spring season ahead. Q1 recorded 21 closed sales totaling \$126M, a slight decrease from 4Q's 29 sales, but a notable increase in overall dollar volume. Compared to the same period last year (24 sales / \$69M), this reflects a meaningful shift toward higher-value transactions.

Two significant closings defined the upper end of the market:

- 1463 Oleada Road closed at \$25.75M: This is an iconic Spanish Colonial style compound with expansive ocean views in the heart of Pebble Beach.

- 3426 17 Mile Drive closed at \$24.5M: A rare golf-front offering along the 11th green at Pebble Beach Golf Links, where we were honored to represent the Sellers.

These sales underscore continued demand for irreplaceable locations and legacy-quality properties.

Active inventory expanded from 34 to 42 homes over the quarter, reflecting a seasonal increase in listings. Approximately 29 new properties came to market in 1Q, with 6 closing within the same period, and 4 currently under contract—a sign that well-positioned homes are continuing to find alignment with buyers.

Buyer profile remained consistent with 4Q, though engagement has become more decisive in select segments. In particular, parts of the MPCC market saw multiple-offer scenarios, with several homes trading above asking—an early indication of competitive pressure returning in specific price points and locations.

One early takeaway from the quarter is the bifurcation within the market: while overall activity remains measured, demand for well-located and properly priced homes has begun to concentrate quickly. As we move further into the spring market, this pattern tends to become more pronounced—where preparation and positioning matter more than timing alone.

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PENINSULA FAMILIES

AT WORK AND AT PLAY

Reinventing a business while staying true to its roots

By LILY PATTERSON

YOU MAY still think of it as Hacienda Hay and Feed, but the familiar rural landmark on Carmel Valley Road has been transformed into so much more since Nile Estep took the reins in 2021.

Now known simply as Hacienda, the business has become a favorite of tourists, but it's really there for the locals. Anyone who drives 10 minutes into Carmel Valley is welcome to join the popular weekend line-dancing parties or set up a family picnic on the tables out back with hot coffee, cold drinks, fresh-baked goods and an assortment of cheeses, salads and more from Radici Market, right there on the premises.

Beyond the country store and the old hay barn, the postcard view from the property is one of abundant farmland and green foothills. And the sign out front still means what it says.

"First and foremost, we are a hay and feed store for the rural community in the valley to have access to those needs," said Estep, who lives and farms on the 3.5 acres out back. That's music to the ears of locals who assumed the local business was down to its last bale when Estep, a Carmel Valley native, bought it. But they needn't have worried.

"I've always been inspired by the idea of building upon something existing," said Estep, 35, a Carmel High alum whose years at Sonoma State offered several

opportunities to travel internationally and study how nonprofits worked to aid rural communities. He didn't need to look far to apply what he'd learned — the village where he grew up would do just fine.

Since returning to the Peninsula, Estep founded Good Roots Events, which has managed the Thursday farmers market in Carmel since 2019. With a couple of friends, he also founded The Shop, a pop-up kitchen for aspiring chefs and caterers — who, for instance, need a commercial-caliber facility to blend and bottle healthy salad dressings to sell.

A collaborative effort

Enter Estep's wife, Petrina Pinto. In 2020, the Carmel High and Cal Poly agribusiness grad returned home to Carmel after an internship with Kellogg's foods.

She, too, had an idea for a business built on an old foundation: family dinners, which she carried on as a weekly tradition with college friends. Pinto was always on salad duty, with good reason. Growing up surrounded by her "huge" Sicilian family, she knew a thing or two about using olive oil.

"People were always asking me for my dressing recipes, and I realized I could start packaging them. I wasn't going to make any money from selling the recipes," Pinto laughed.

Out of her mom's apartment kitchen in



Offering hay and feed and even honky-tonking, Hacienda draws a (mostly local) crowd.

Carmel, she launched Parsley + Fig with a \$5,000 order of empty bottles and marketing her dressings — simple, no refined sugars — on social media. Just when she

felt ready to bump up production and take Parsley + Fig to the farmers market with

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They've dealt with vans, trucks, and 5-foot letters

By ELAINE HESSER

THE LITTLE ditty has been living rent-free inside locals' heads for more than 20 years: "Cardinale Moving & Storage — Don't make a move without us!" Roseann Cardinale Orlebeck, part of the second generation there, remembers when it was written.

Orlebeck, older brother, Vince, and younger sister, Sally, run the 54-year-old firm, founded by their father. Their late sister, Annamarie, also worked there, as do Orlebeck's son, Adam, and Vince's son, Vincent.

Their jobs have evolved over time. Vince is responsible for day-to-day management and operations. He still does at least one on-site estimate a day, although it's not strictly necessary.

As it has everything else, technology has changed the way jobs are priced. Orlebeck said Cardinale Moving & Storage works with some companies that specialize in video estimates. The customer walks through the house with their cell phone, providing enough information for a surprisingly accurate estimate.

But for bigger estates, say, 20,000 square feet, Vince goes in person. And longtime residents are tickled to have an actual Cardinale show up, Orlebeck noted.

"He likes being the face of the business," she said.

Bookkeeping and administration fall to Orlebeck, who started tallying time cards at age 10. Her sister handles human resources for 45 employees, along with "the designer business."

Orlebeck explained that Sally learned of that specialty while she was in college in Arizona and worked for United Van Lines. When a hotel gets a makeover, the designer needs a place to receive and house new furniture and fixtures.

Cardinale stores the items and then moves them to their new homes. Along the way, its employees might also assemble what Orlebeck called a "room in a box," containing things like individual towel rods and tissue dispensers for each guest room. La Bahia luxury hotel in Santa Cruz was an 18-month project for the firm. It's one of many ways in which the business has diversified over its lifespan.

Orlebeck's father, Salvatore Peter Cardinale — known as Sal — began working for Dean Van Lines in Monterey

while he was in college. In 1962, he became manager of Seaside's Pierce-Rodolph Moving & Storage, which he purchased in 1972. He renamed it Cardinal Moving & Storage, because, Orlebeck said, he wanted to put a memorable red bird in the logo.

Among many other things, she gives her dad credit for taking on more commercial work before Fort Ord closed, saving it from the sad fate of many smaller companies that depended on military moves.

Take a photo

One source of commercial revenue comes from events like the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, the Concours d'Elegance, and Pebble Beach Food & Wine.

In the early years of PBF&W, the firm's responsibilities included emptying the lobby of the Inn at Spanish Bay for the opening night gala. They'd load all the furnishings into a truck, then put everything back after the party.

Orlebeck said the first year, no one could recall all the details of the lobby's original layout. After that, they took pictures.

Companies that set up large event tents with bars and furniture might store those contents with Cardinale, while others have merchandise and giveaway items shipped in. Or 5-foot-high letters that spell out "Jaguar," added Orlebeck.

Setups and breakdowns go quickly.

"On Sunday at the AT&T, we come in at 5 p.m. and work until 2 a.m.," with a team of 20, Orlebeck said.

In addition to 20 trucks, the firm owns 52,000 square feet of storage space in Castroville and rents an additional 15,000 with an office, "mini warehouse" and space to store packing materials and boxes for sale to clients.

Cardinale also owns 250 storage containers, and that's



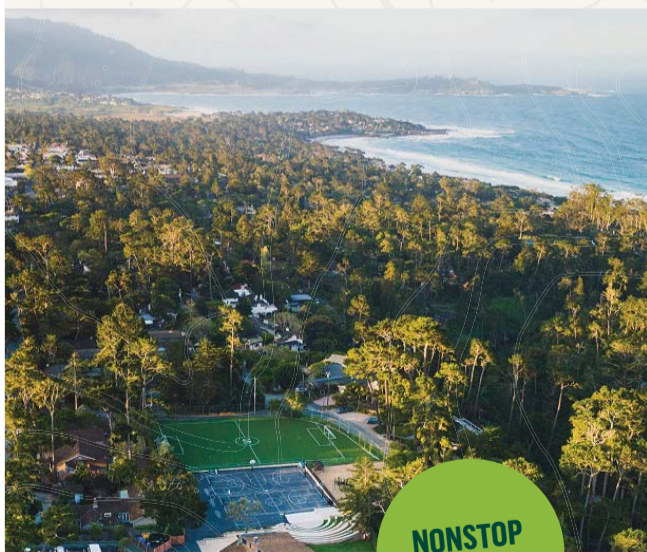
From top left: Adam Orlebeck, Sal (deceased) and Vince Cardinale, Roseann Orlebeck, and Angie and Sally Cardinale are part of the family that founded and runs their 54-year-old business.

Adam's department. He started out as a container driver and he's quite familiar with the various ordinances that govern where storage containers can be placed, how long

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By SALLY BAHO

CARMEL VALLEY has a lot to offer the littles in your life, so channel your inner child, put those kids in the car, and take the short drive inland. It's especially nice when you want to escape coastal fog. Dress in layers — like a local — and pack some dry clothes and a towel, because you might decide to get wet before the day is out.

Start at Lafayette Bakery & Café, the family-owned French bakery near the windmill in the Barnyard shopping center. While you get your caffeine fix, the friendly staff there will make cups of flavored steamed milk or hot chocolate for the younger set. There's also a beautiful selection of pastries, cookies and sandwiches. Lafayette Bakery is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Head east about 4 miles to 7180 Carmel Valley Road to visit Hacienda. This roadside gem has been an important pit stop since the 1940s. Today, it operates as an event space and market and has a hands-on

animal experience that “gives children the chance to safely interact with and learn about our friendly farm animals,” according to its website. A guided visit is \$10 per child and lasts about 20 minutes. Guests can feed the chickens — some friendly fowl may even be held — pet and cuddle goats, meet a 70-pound tortoise, and play with two bunnies. If you're still in need of sustenance or perhaps another coffee, try the on-site Radici Market. Hacienda's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Animal sessions are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday. (Learn more at haciendav.com, and see more of the historic business' story on p. 33A.)

Just stone's throw farther down the road, you'll find the Earthbound Farm Stand, a longtime produce market that serves breakfast and lunch, coffee, loose-leaf tea, house-made breads and pastries, smoothies, Straus Family Creamery soft-serve ice cream, and local beer and wine. You can

also find gifts and housewares, organic produce and flowers, and pantry staples.

The littles can scout out the garden grounds and working organic farm seven days a week. Be sure to stop at the Kids' Alphabet Garden or play in the teepee. Earthbound Farm Stand at 7250 Carmel Valley Road is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Visit earthboundfarm.com/farm-stand to learn more and find out about upcoming events, which in the past have included story times and other family-friendly fare.

Fun for all

Next up is 25 Ford Road in Carmel Valley Community Park, where you'll find Tatum's Treehouse, a large enclosed playground for children of every ability. It's named for Tatum Bakker — she's a teenager now — who has spina bifida and was often excluded from traditional kids' spaces because of her wheelchair. Her parents, Shawn and Amanda, own Bakker Construction and were inspired during a trip out of state, where they happened on a much more inclusively designed play area where Tatum had fun right along with her brother and sister.

Tatum's Treehouse has swings, slides, an accessible merry-go-round, colorfully painted mushrooms, a tree house (of course) and so much more to explore. You can burn off the pastries and ice cream



Kids can go on age-appropriate hikes, visit an organic farm and get close to farm animals — all in Carmel Valley.

you've filled up on thus far by chasing the kids around. The playground was developed through a partnership between the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center and the Tatum's Garden Foundation, the nonprofit that also designed and maintains Tatum's Garden in Salinas. The Carmel Valley site is open 9 a.m. to 30 minutes after sunset, seven days a week. Learn more at tatumstreehouse.com.

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PENINSULA FAMILIES

Family refuge — and more

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

WHEN HEIDI and Scot McKay moved with their seven kids to Quail Meadows in August 2003, Scot was looking to retire. “Fat chance of that,” Heidi McKay said. It wasn’t her late husband’s nature.

“Scot owned car dealerships and some restaurants in the Midwest,” said McKay. “He was a very good businessman and very good at making things work, and he had more to do.”

A few years after moving to Carmel Valley, he met Dennis Shepherd, then-owner of Carmel Racquet and Health Club. The McKays went to lunch every month with the Shepherds, and they played tennis on Sunday evenings, developing a close relationship.

“We loved that tennis was such a great way to meet people and enjoy each other’s

company,” she said. “Then one day, in 2004, Dennis asked if Scot be interested in buying the club. We talked about it and decided to do it.”

Kyle McKay, then 13, thought her dad bought the club because he was bored. “He didn’t like being pseudo-retired,” she said. “He wanted a new project, and he got one.”

The McKay kids — Ashley, Elyse, Bridget, Kyle, Paige, Matthew and Ian — grew up playing tennis there. Their parents renamed it the Carmel Valley Athletic Club to embrace a broader array of exercise and wellness activities. They embarked on a renovation, including an expanded six-lane pool with a family recreation area, plus family and adult hot tubs.

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The whole McKay family — and then some — came out to support CVAC’s Thanksgiving turkey trot.

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an expanded range of grab-and-go salads, a friend clued her in to The Shop.

Petrina and Estep hit it off.

“We had all of this in common — food, farming, community — and we just dove into various projects together,” said Estep.

This was around August 2021, and there was one big project on the horizon. Estep’s aunt and uncle, realtors Lisa and Doug Steiny, were buying the old Hacienda property. The Wolter family owned it in the 1940s, followed by Chris and JoAnn Olow, who purchased it in 1999.

Leasing the nostalgic piece of property from his aunt and uncle, Estep and Pinto recruited a small but devoted team to grow a business that honors those roots and

welcomes all kinds of customers.

“We’ve built this place where blue-collar people and billionaires — I’ve met people here who own sports teams — can come and enjoy themselves. I’m very proud of that, as someone who grew up in Carmel Valley but moved here from Salinas,” said Estep, whose mom is the Steiny side and whose father is a metalworker and artist originally from Chihuahua, Mexico.

‘A place to gather’

Four years in, Hacienda is exactly as advertised: “A place to gather.” The sprawling backyard — featuring an Old West saloon and other country-style backdrops that kids will love — is open Tuesday through Sunday and available to rent for birthday parties, complete with pony

rides and “animal encounters.” Weekends are jam-packed, starting with Thursday trivia nights and peaking with Saturday night line dancing — and beginner-friendly classes on Sundays.

“When we were approached by a local couple to host it, we had no idea what it would mean. It’s grown into this epic event,” said Estep.

Loosening up before the two-step is easy, since Radici Market offers local beer and wine. It’s also a gourmet grocery, which Estep said was all Pinto’s idea.

“People can get local honey, grass-fed beef, hummus — all these goods from the same producers who show up to the farmers market — but on a daily basis, instead of once per week,” Estep explained.

Seasonal happenings like spring jamborees, Concours for a Cause, and fall festivals — including decades-old traditions like the hay maze — are as much a product of Hacienda’s history as they are of Estep’s heritage. A third-generation member of the Carmel Valley Kiwanis, he said the club’s community gatherings have inspired Hacienda’s family-friendly events.

Estep grew up going to the Kiwanis’ annual Fiesta every August, “and now we get to borrow the miniature train my grandpa used to drive. It’s come full-circle.”

But after four years of working full steam ahead on Hacienda and managing their respective markets, Estep and Pinto have entered a new season of life. Their baby boy, Rome, just turned 6 months old.

“I’m surprised by how I’ve been able to let go of this need for total creative control. I think we’re both becoming OK with things taking a different form than we envisioned,” Pinto shared.

“It’s a beautiful struggle. Time is limited now, so we’re trying to simply focus on the things that we truly find value in,” Estep added.

A perfect example is the second annual Carmel-by-the-Sea Culinary Week, produced by Estep and the Good Roots Events



Petrina Pinto, Nile Estep and their son, Rome

team (with Pinto pinch-hitting on decor) in conjunction with Visit Carmel.

From June 5 to 13, special dinners and events will punctuate a week of curated menus and special offers from more than 30 downtown Carmel restaurants.

La Dolce Vita — the sold-out Italian dinner that will line Dolores Avenue with full-grown olive trees and a 120-foot banquet table, hand-built by Estep and his team — is an homage to Pinto’s side of the family.

“I’m so grateful to marry into such a big family. I was thinking a lot about our Christmas Eve dinners, everyone coming over to prep the fish the day before, the 50-seat table, the games and dice coming out late at night ...” Estep said.

And for the downtown culinary celebration, the point is the same: combining local food, fun, and family, which Estep tends to find wherever he goes.

“Everything he does is family-oriented. He just has this way of collecting good people around him,” Pinto said.



Hacienda’s ever-evolving offerings have included blacksmithing and pottery workshops, but line dancing classes by Nanci Pritchard and Michael Wong remain a staple on Saturdays and Sundays.

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Kalos is a highly creative folk trio whose name comes from ancient Greek meaning “beautiful” or “praiseworthy.” Their music is deeply inspired by maritime traditions from Scotland, Ireland, Scandinavia, and North America, often focusing on themes like the sea, shorelines, and seafaring life. While rooted in tradition, they constantly reinvent their sound, never performing a song the same way twice and blending lively Irish dance rhythms with more reflective Scottish influences.

The group—Ryan McKasson, Eric McDonald, and Jeremiah McLane—comes from different generations, cities, and countries, and first connected through folk music gatherings across North America. Since recording together in 2016 and touring from 2019, they’ve become known for immersive, dynamic live performances that feel spontaneous, expressive, and almost trance-like, emphasizing collaboration, creativity, and musical interplay.



Sunday, May 3rd at 3pm
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just teach the young'uns how to skip rocks. If you want to take a hike, there are two trails: the Carmel River Loop, an easy walk just shy of 1 mile with virtually no elevation gain, and the Laureles Trail, a 3.3-mile out-and-back that climbs 1,100 feet. The latter is for older kids or teenagers, or maybe moms and dads who hike with their children in carriers (that's next-level hiking and parenting). Dampierre Park is located at 55 Paso Hondo.

Olivia & Daisy Books, an independent bookstore in Carmel Valley Village, offers a different kind of escape. Whether you want to pick up something for the kids to read on the drive home — assuming they don't fall asleep — or pursue your own interests, Olivia & Daisy has something to suit most customers, including a great selection of cookbooks. The shop is located at 13766 Center St., right next to Jerome's Market, and is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.. Learn more at oliviaanddaisy.com.

Ready for a real meal? There's no shortage of good restaurants in the Village, like Café Rustica, a multiyear Golden Pine Cone winner. Enjoy a baby spinach salad or thin-crust pizza while young diners order from items like mini pizzas, pasta with butter and cheese and chicken fingers. If you don't mind back-tracking, Bear + Flag — next door to Hacienda — has a casual vibe and a children's menu with a just-right cheeseburger, a grilled cheese sandwich, hot dogs and the ever-popular chicken fingers. There's delicious BBQ, salads and sandwiches plus beer and wine for the grown-ups, too.

For generations, locals and visitors have found Carmel Valley to be a great place for adventure, fun and making memories, and there's no reason you shouldn't join them.



Olivia & Daisy bookstore provides some moments of calm after an active day out.

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they can stay and whether a permit is required.

The jingle

About 28 years ago, after having locations in Seaside and Sand City, the business moved to Castroville. Since the family had to order new stationery anyway, they changed the name to Cardinale.

Sal never really retired, even as his children took over operations. He worked several hours a day, almost right up to his death at 86 in 2019. His wife, Angelina, 94, came in a few times a week until fairly recently. "It's her family," said Orlebeck.

Now, about that earworm — KSBW made a commercial for the company not long after it moved to Castroville. A year or two later, they called back and said "the jingle people were coming out" and asked if they wanted to have one written for them.

"That'd be awesome!" responded Orlebeck.

After a few questions and a 30-minute huddle, the team came back with the musical tagline.

Cardinale Moving & Storage was named the Monterey Chamber's Business of the Year in 2011, after earning the same title from North Monterey County Chamber in 2008. Sal was Italian Heritage Society Person of the Year in 2011, and Roseann received that honor four years later for her own extensive community involvement.

The description of Salvatore Cardinale's award from the Italian Heritage Society says, "Cardinale Moving & Storage is truly a family business; a place where many families' brothers, sisters, sons, uncles and nephews have worked and continue to work side by side. The Cardinales genuinely care about their employees, treating them more like a large extension of their Italian family." And for more than half a century, that seems to have worked just fine.

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"Scot had all kinds of plans," remembered McKay.

For instance, there was the addition of a 7,600-square-foot, fitness center. It had a dramatic double fireplace and lounge — and a lot of classes. And one of the buildings is a mind-and-body center.

"Scot put a lot of thought into making this a wellness center that would expand to welcome more people," McKay said.

Legacy

In 2012, Scot realized his vision for the design and development of Refuge, a silent day spa and retreat that encourages vitality through a "thermal cycle" of sauna, cold plunge, and relaxation. Next door to CVAC, warm water spills over rocky ledges, and icy cold pools await those who dare to take the plunge.

The effect of the environment is mysterious, magical, calming. And spending time there is restorative — exactly what Scot had in mind when he and his team designed and realized his Refuge. When it was finished, he received handshakes and gratitude from members who streamed through the doors to sink into a Zen-like state.

He lived a little more than a year after the retreat opened before succumbing to cancer at 59.

All of the McKay kids have worked at CVAC. Kyle started at the front desk, graduated from UC Santa Barbara and then returned, first as a concierge, then in marketing and now, in operations.

"Eleven years ago, we started the CVAC Turkey Trot, which was my baby," she said. I ran my first 5K elsewhere,

just to understand how to put on a race. I was nervous the night before, so I texted my whole family and said everyone needed to be there at 5 a.m. The next morning, everyone showed up to help. Together, we pulled off a really good event."

Paige works as a bookkeeper and helps Kyle with operations. Matthew is the marketing director. Graphic and website guru Elyse, who lives in Georgia, does design work, and Ashley, who lives in Las Vegas, handles photography. Ian worked as a pool attendant and concierge. He took care of the club's IT work before starting his career in computer programming. And Bridget McKay Demayo — whose husband, Justin Demayo, serves as Refuge's director — is a cosmetologist who runs the CVAC Salon, where she is the head stylist. "She's fully booked," her sister commented.

"Even when my husband was dying, he said to keep the club — said it's a good family business," McKay said. "It's so true, and what a blessing it has been for all of us. We are such a strong support system for one another. We confer with one another in a comfortable, wonderful dynamic. I do think family members are willing to give more — sometimes 'round the clock."

Scot had also acquired KRML, "the locals' radio station", as well as the Carmel Valley property he renamed Gardener Ranch, which he turned into a business retreat and wedding venue where daughter Paige was married in 2022.

"We still own and operate both businesses," said Kyle, "and we have a great management team that oversees the day-to-day activities. Our main focus as a family is CVAC."

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This Week

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From Beethoven to Zappa, symphony concert pushes boundaries

FOR ITS fifth concert of the season — Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Sunset Center — **Monterey Symphony** performs a Beethoven piece inspired by Napoleon, celebrates the legacy of a pioneering Black composer, introduces a new composition that delves into politics, and plays a piece by the most famous eccentric in rock, Frank Zappa.

“Our April program is about heroism

and revolution,” music director **Jayce Ogren** said. “Do Frank Zappa and Ludwig van Beethoven belong on the same concert? I think so, and I hope you’ll join us and decide for yourself — they both changed music forever, and they weren’t afraid to be brash, potent and political.”

The program includes Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 3, Eroica,” Joseph Boulogne’s “Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. XI,” Zappa’s “The Dog Breath Variations,” and the premiere of local composer **John Wineglass’** “Democracy.” On the last piece, clarinetist **Mariam Adam** joins the symphony.

Talks by Wineglass and musicologist **Christopher Anderson-Bazzoli** start one hour before each concert, while the symphony’s principal percussionist, **Frank Wyant**, will play in the lobby before Sunday’s concert.

General admission tickets start at \$50, while tickets for students, teachers and active military are \$12. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 646-8511 or visit montereysymphony.org.

■ Keeping the beat alive

Original drummer and co-founder **Carl Palmer** leads the latest incarnation of the progressive rock trio **Emerson, Lake & Palmer**, which plays Friday at 7 p.m. at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

The band had its heyday in the early 1970s with rock radio staples like “Lucky Man” and “Still... You Turn Me On,” along with the classic album “Brain Salad Surgery.”

After co-founders Greg Lake and Keith Emerson died in 2016, Palmer kept the band alive. He’ll

On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

be joined Friday by singer and guitarist **Peter Beilatowicz** and bassist **Stuart Clayton**. They often add digital “performances” by Emerson and Lake to their shows.

Tickets start at \$60. The theater is located at 417 Alvarado St. Call (831) 649-1070 or visit goldenstatetheatre.com.

■ ‘Portraits in Song’

In the latest edition of its “Portraits in Song” concert series — Saturday at 3 p.m. — the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts welcomes a pair of singers and guitarists, **Peter Barnes Martin** and **Rags Rosenberg**.

The “intimate” series is described as “highlighting the craft and storytelling of exceptional emerging artists.” “Each limited-capacity concert invites audiences to



Monterey Symphony’s principal percussionist Frank Wyant performs in the Sunset Center lobby before Sunday’s 3 p.m. concert.

experience songwriting up close — sharing not only original music, but the stories and creative journeys behind it, according to the center.”

Tickets are \$25. The center is located at

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Clarinetist Mariam Adam joins Monterey Symphony when it presents its fifth concert of the season Saturday and Sunday at Sunset Center.

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FOOD & WINE

Wagon Wheel puts on the brakes, Georis steers La Bicyclette

THE WAGON Wheel's 60-year history in Carmel Valley appears to be coming to an end on May 22. According to Daniel Medina — a longtime employee who bought the restaurant in June 2022 — the doors will soon close on what's considered by many to be a local fixture.

It's been in The Pine Cone's pages since its fictitious business name notice was filed in fall 1965, and one former owner later recalled it made \$42 on its first day — roughly \$440 in today's dollars. In 1972, the paper ran a two-page guide to local hot spots for "the single girl" to meet men. It said at the Wagon Wheel, one could find "regulars, some of them single," who "eat there because the chef cooks excellent food, and for weight watchers, he adds an additional egg to the plate rather than fattening hash browns."



After 60 years of slinging hash and frying eggs, the Wagon Wheel in Carmel Valley will close its doors next month. Owner Daniel Medina says it just never recovered after Covid.

old-fashioned diner-style lunch that stays with you till dinner — which will proba-

bly be the leftovers you brought home. The décor is unapologetically "cozy country," with dozens of old framed photos, lots of memorabilia and a counter where coffee cups don't stay empty.

Nevertheless, Medina said, the restaurant never fully recovered after the pandemic.

"When I started working here, this place would be full all the time. After Covid, people don't really go out anymore," he said, noting that he hasn't advertised or cultivated an online presence but has relied on its solid reputation along with word of mouth. He added the kitchen has been using the same recipes

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Soup to Nuts

The restaurant had already changed hands a few times when Kate Curry purchased it in 1976. If the name doesn't ring a bell, she followed that up with Katy's Place at Mission near Sixth, Katy's Cottage on Lincoln near Seventh, and Kate's Table in the then-Carmel Valley Inn.

The Wagon Wheel has always been a reliable spot for a hearty breakfast or an

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since 1976, and that there's a lot of repeat business from tourists — many of whom have given the Wagon Wheel 5-star online reviews.

"We're their first stop when they get here or their last stop on the way to the airport, getting biscuits and gravy to go," he said.

■ New Barmel chapter coming

Over the past decade, Gabe Georis has transformed the bar at San Carlos and Seventh in Carmel into an elegant, sophisticated spot with a superlative selection of spirits, craft cocktails, great food, and music. Now, he's handing the reins over to Bret and Karen Bair, who are set to take ownership of the bar — and the restaurant next door — at the end of April.

Georis, who comes from a family deeply entrenched in food and wine on the Monterey Peninsula, took over the former Gem restaurant in 2009 and turned it into Mundaka restaurant, which specialized in Spanish cuisine. Several years later, he moved into Ody's, the bar next door, and transformed it into Barmel. Mundaka made way for Pescadero and is now Barmel Supper Club.

Bair, a Stevenson School graduate and co-owner of several bars in the Sacramento area, plans to keep Barmel as it is and rework the restaurant, according to Georis.

"I'm hoping to make the transition as smooth as

possible," he said, adding that he's hoping Bair will retain the staff.

"He's in the business and understands it," he added.

Georis said he had Barmel listed with Carmel Business Sales but connected with Bair after the latter reached out to him directly.

"He and I had met through Stevenson channels," he said, referring to their shared Pebble Beach alma mater.

Georis, who has been running La Bicycleette, his late father's beloved restaurant at Dolores and Seventh, said the sale will free him up for other pursuits, including potentially building a patio at the rear of La Bicycleette.

"Right now, that's what I'm focused, and really like that," he said.

■ ROAR wine dinner

Carmel Valley Ranch at 1 Old Ranch Road will host an outdoor dinner featuring ROAR Wines on Friday, May 29, at 6 p.m.

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Barmel — the sophisticated local tavern created and run by Gabe Georis for the past decade — is being turned over to new owners so that Georis can focus on his late father's restaurant, La Bicycleette.

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ROAR Wines, founded by Gary and Rosella Frascioni, is a family-owned producer known for premium pinot noir and chardonnay from the Santa Lucia Highlands.

According to ROAR's history, the Frascioni family has farmed the region for more than 100 years. Gary planted the first vineyard — the acclaimed Rosella's — in 1996 and co-founded the renowned Garys' Vineyard the following year. The winery released its first vintage in 2001 and emphasizes meticulous, sustainable farming practices passed down through four generations.

The event, open to adults 21 and older, offers a seasonal five-course tasting menu with wines selected to pair with each dish, highlighting fresh, locally inspired ingredients — and the dining area has vineyard views, just to set the mood.

Tickets are \$195 per person, or \$150 for Carmel Valley Ranch members (plus tax and gratuity). Reservations are required

and can be made at opentable.com by searching "Carmel Valley Ranch Events."

■ Mother's Day is May 10

While you're at OpenTable, you can also snag a table for the reservations-only Mother's Day brunch at Carmel Valley Ranch. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a buffet with "breakfast favorites, brunch bites and desserts" will be available in the Redwood and Oak ballrooms. Adults pay \$145, children 6-12 eat for \$40, and those 5 years and younger dine for free. All prices are exclusive of tax and tip, and time slots are going quickly.

The Hyatt Vacation Club at Highlands Inn will also host a brunch at the Pacific's Edge, and as anyone lucky enough to have dined there knows, the views are nothing short of breathtaking. Set along the dramatic cliffs of the Big Sur coastline at 120 Highlands Drive, it's just minutes from town. The brunch, served from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature a buffet with chef-attended stations, seasonal favorites and coastal-inspired dishes. Highlights include

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You don't really need a special occasion to enjoy the view from the Pacific's Edge restaurant in the Carmel Highlands, but Mom probably wouldn't mind going for brunch there on her special day.



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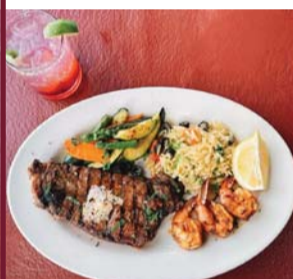
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a build-your-own omelet bar, carved New York striploin — the same cut as the steak, but prepared as a roast — with balsamic red wine reduction, salmon en crouete with pink brandy sauce, king crab legs, poached prawns, smoked salmon, seared ahi tuna, and other entrées such as chicken and waffles, spinach artichoke ravioli and seafood paella. A dessert station with petit fours and macarons will round out the meal.

The buffet is priced at \$130 per adult and \$50 per child ages 4-12, with children younger than 4 dining free. Prices do not include tax or a 20 percent service charge. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made via OpenTable. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/y5brv969.

Shearwater Tavern wins Round 1

David Hufford, mixologist for Shearwater Tavern in the Carmel Mission Inn on Rio Road, defeated Heather Smith of a longtime Carmel Valley Village favorite, The Running Iron, in the first round of the Battle of the Bartenders' Battle for the Valley at the Links Club Monday night. Hufford will compete for the regional championship April 27 against either Daniel DeLappe of O'Callaghan's in the Barnyard or Brian Martinez from Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley. They'll face off April 20.

"The first round was all about David's Silky Smooth, a delicious rum milk punch drink made with Diplomatico, lemon and pineapple juices, and a spiced simple syrup," said Links Club proprietor April Montgomery. "However, Heather scored a perfect 10 and won the second round with her Blackberry Dream, featuring Tito's vodka, black raspberry puree, sparkling Italian lemonade lavender, and the secret ingredient, St. George's Coffee Liqueur, garnished with fresh blueberry and a splash of Grand Marnier."

They were tied 4-4 going into the final task — making a cocktail using Lalo tequila and a variety of mixers and juices. Hufford's Berry Blue received two perfect scores and got the audience's vote to win the contest.

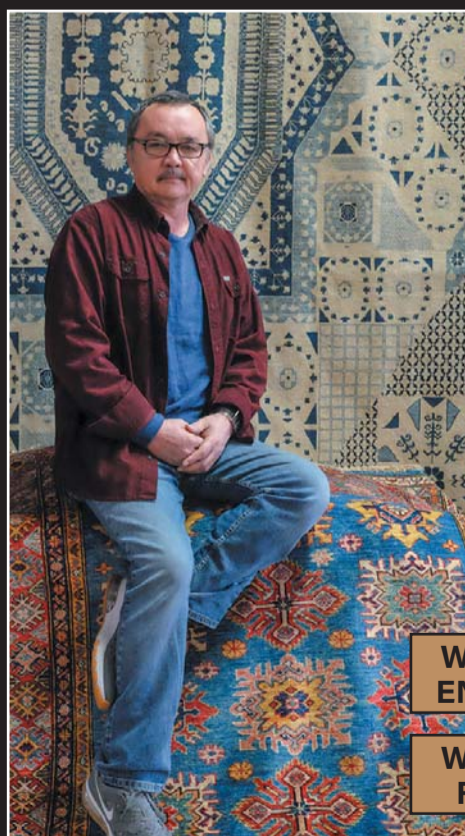
Tickets to the competitions are \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door and include snacks and six drink samples. For more information, visit linksclubgolf.com. Links Club is located on the lower level of Carmel Plaza.

Elaine Hesser and Mary Schley contributed to this week's column.



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Also at Cherry Center, flutist **Kenny Stahl** performs Sunday at 2 p.m. He'll be joined by guitarist **Bruce Forman**, bassist **Michael Marcus** and drummer **Billy Jones**. Tickets are \$45.



Singer Jaqui Hope leads a jazz trio that's playing Sunday, 4 p.m., at Folk Tale Winery in Carmel Valley.

Live music April 17-23

■ Big Sur

Big Sur River Inn — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Victor Veysey** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

Fernwood Resort — singer and guitarist **Richard Tripps**, **Pfeiffer Beach Hotel** (rock, Saturday at 10 p.m.). 47200 Highway 1.

Henry Miller Library — singer and accordionist **Phoebe Vlassis** and singer and guitarist **Kit Center** (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 48603 Highway 1.

■ Carmel

Barmel — singer and guitarist **Ryan Sesma** (Saturday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.). Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.

Carmel Mission Inn — **Open Mic Night** (Tuesday at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m.). Shearwater Tavern, 3665 Rio Road.

Hyatt Carmel Highlands — singer and pianist **T.J.**

Kuenster (jazz, Friday at 4:45 p.m.), singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, r&b and dance music, Saturday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

La Playa Hotel — **The David Morwood Trio** (jazz, Sunday and Tuesday at 5 p.m.). In Bud's Bar, Camino Real and Eighth Avenue.

Cypress Inn — singer **Dino Vera** (jazz, r&b and dance music, Friday at 6:30 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **The David Morwood Jazz Band** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

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Links Club — Chicago Bill & the Next Blues Band (Friday at 7 p.m.), **Sidehustle** (rock, Saturday at 7 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

Mission Ranch — singer and pianist **Maddalaine Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

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Sundays – Live music 5 to 7 p.m. at Woody's at Del Mesa. Musical guests **Brice and Nina** deliver an eclectic mix of jazz, rock and reggae, 500 Del Mesa Carmel. (831) 624-1854

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April 20 – Grete Pederson, "Strong leadership and a loving hand," Carmel Bach Festival, artistic director and principal conductor, is one of the most renowned conductors in the international choral scene. Grete will share her journey from Europe to the Carmel Bach Festival stage. 2 p.m. Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos & Ninth. Open to the public. \$10/guests/members free

April 23 – B4Noon Community Recital, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean and Junipero, SE corner, every Thursday through April 30. Free. This week, April 23: Music of **Weber, Elgar & Albinoni** with oboists **Peter Lemberg & Debbie Busch**, and a Chopin piano waltz with pianist **Eun Ha Chung**.

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May 4 – The Monterey Peninsula College String Orchestra, directed by **David Dally**, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Monterey Peninsula College Theatre. Program will feature the suite from the movie "Psycho," Gabriel's Oboe from "The Mission," Bach's Cantata 42 "Sinfonia," Holst's "A Fugal Concerto," Albinoni's Concerto in F, and Fuchs' Serenade #2. Tickets at the door: \$10 general/ \$5 students and military.

May 7 – The World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (WACMB) presents a luncheon to celebrate the success of this year's **High School Academic World Quest (AWQ) competition** that resulted in an all-expense-covered Greenfield High School four-person plus coach team traveling to Washington D.C. to compete against multiple other high school teams at the national level involving knowledge of current international affairs. Visit World Affairs Council Monterey Bay - Home

May 8 – 19th Annual Community Foundation for Monterey County Women's Fund Luncheon: "Standing Strong for Women and Girls." This uplifting event features an inspiring program with journalist and political commentator **Christina Bellantoni** to benefit local women and girls. Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa, 1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey. Reception 11 a.m., Luncheon 12-1:30 p.m. Tickets: give.cfmco.org/WomensFund2026

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Edgar's — **Evergreen** (soft rock, Friday at 5:30 p.m.). At Quail Lodge, 8205 Valley Greens Drive.

Folktale Winery — singer and guitarist **RJ DeMarco** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kris Simeon** (Saturday at 4 p.m.), **The Jaqui Hope Trio** (jazz, Sunday at 4 p.m.), **The Landing Trio** (Americana, Thursday at 4 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

Trailside Cafe — **Patti Gilbert & Wanderlust** (acoustic rock, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

■ Monterey

Bulldog Sports Pub — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.

Hyatt Regency Monterey — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Reija Massey** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Scott Slaughter** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 1 Old Golf Course Road.

InterContinental Hotel — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Saturday at 7 p.m.), guitarist **Terrance Farrell** (Spanish, Sunday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

Melville Tavern — singer and harmonica player **Chuck Brewer** and singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484 Washington St., Suite A.

Midici Pizza — Janice's Jazz Jam with singer **Janice**



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Perl, keyboardist **Gary Meek**, bassist **Joe Dolister** and drummer **Andy Weis** (Sunday at 5 p.m.), keyboardist **Bob Phillips**, bassist **Dennis Murphy** and drummer **Mike Shannon** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

Monterey Plaza Hotel — pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), pianist **Martan Mann** (jazz,

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Puma Road at Portola Plaza — singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Sarah Canet** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Peter Barnes Martin** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.). 281 Alvarado St.

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■ Pacific Grove

Asilomar Conference Center — singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 4 p.m.). 800 Asilomar Ave.

Il Vecchio Restaurant — **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** (jazz and pop, Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

La Côte Bleue — singer **Andrea Carter** and guitarist



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Darrin Michell (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.). 209 Forest Ave.

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Wild Fish — The Lighthouse Jazz Quartet (Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.). 545 Lighthouse Ave.

■ Pebble Beach

The Inn at Spanish Bay — The Andy Weis Trio (jazz, Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.). 2700 17 Mile Drive.

The Lodge at Pebble Beach (In the Terrace Lounge) — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Friday at 5 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Saturday at 5 p.m.), mandolinist **Dave Holodiloff** (jazz, Thursday at 5 p.m.). 1700 17 Mile Drive.

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KLB DESIGN LLC, San Carlos 3 SW of 11th, Carmel by the Sea, CA 93921.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
KLB DESIGN LLC, 807 Lori Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2026.
S/Kiersten Bahcall, Manager
Date: April 1, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 436)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260792

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHOCOLATES AND CHEERS, 381 Cannery Row, Suite N, Monterey, CA 93940
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
CARRIE FRANCES GRIFFIN, 698 Grove St., Monterey, CA 93940.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 28, 1976.
S/Carrie F. Griffin
Date signed: April 10, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 10, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 438)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260586

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALCHEMY PROPERTIES, 1705 La Salle Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
LIVE YOUR LEGACY LLC.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Alexa G. Hardegree, Manager
Date: March 11, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 18, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 439)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260776

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
COASTAL TASTE LOUNGE, 220 Olivier St., Monterey, CA 93940.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
INDIAN SUMMER, 2601 Bluewater Ct., Marina, CA 93933.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2024.
S/Navin Thapa, President
Date: April 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 9, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 440)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260762

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHI COUNSELING, CONSULTING & COACHING, 200 Clock Tower Place, Ste. E204, Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
INNER AXIS CORPORATION, 200 Clock Tower Place, Ste. E204, Carmel, CA 93923.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 3, 2026.
S/Sapna Shobna Nair, President
Date: April 8, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 8, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 441)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260783

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
OLD FIREHOUSE MARKET, 387 Blohm Ave., Aromas, CA 95004.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
HARRYAMAN CORP, P.O. Box 523, Aromas, CA 95004.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Harwinder Shahi, President
Date: April 9, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 9, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 442)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260503

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**1. BARMEL
2. BARMEL SUPPER CLUB
San Carlos E/S 7th Ave., Carmel, CA 93921.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
BARMEL LLC, 1209 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 2, 2026.
S/Bret Bair, Member
Date: March 6, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 6, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026. (PC 445)

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ARTIST

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“Well, I like art, but you can’t make money at that,” she told him.

“Oh, yes you can,” he responded. “You can make money as a graphic designer.”

Chettle’s first graphic design teacher at the community college encouraged her to fill the rest of her schedule with any class that intrigued her, regardless of subject.

“If you’re going to be a true graphic designer, you need to know a little bit about everything,” he advised. “Learn to talk the talk, walk the walk and communicate with any target audience.”

The strategy created a new trajectory for Chettle, whose strong grades at the College of San Mateo and then at Santa Barbara City College opened doors the following

year at Cal Poly, a university known for academic rigor.

In 1992, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in applied art and design. Degree in hand, Chettle traveled to Lucca, Italy, and studied oil painting for two months at a small school where none of the other preregistered students showed up.

“I was the only student. I told my instructor that I wanted to paint abstract. He said, ‘You can’t paint abstract until you know how to paint realism and understand your subject,’” she recalled.

Many apples

What followed was a Zen-like experience involving endless repetition, Chettle said. Draw the bowl, draw the apple with charcoal, draw it with pastel, cut up the apple and draw it again, draw the seeds, draw the stem, draw them all together, rearrange them and draw them again, paint it realistically — just one color, now do it again with two colors, close your eyes and draw what you remember, what you smelled, what you tasted . . .

“Over and over and over again,” she reminisced. “And that’s when I finally got it.”

Her portfolio is filled with abstract expressionist ren-

derings — the newest of which were painted with her hands — of landscapes, seascapes, florals, nude figures and organic abstracts that invite interpretation by the beholder. She also created a series of assemblages.

Her “No. 1 fan,” she said, is her husband, Juhān Jwaideh, who retired after owning and operating Bay Glass Service on the Peninsula for 40 years.

She has three adult children. Son Mack is a plumber, and daughter Beckett will soon be a physician assistant. Summer is a Cal Poly graduate studying in Florence, Italy, and planning a career in architecture. Juhān’s son, Andy — another Cal Poly alum — is a mechanical engineer.

Chettle’s work is represented in Carmel by The American Art Gallery (Dolores Street between Ocean and Seventh avenues) and is exhibited in Pacific Grove at Studio 171 at 171 Forest Ave., The Wooden Bowl at 216 Grand Ave. and Pacific Grove Art Center at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

Images of her art can be viewed at kristychettle.com or at americanartgalleries.com.

Email her at kristychettle@gmail.com to inquire about commissions, for information about her group or private classes, or to set up a visit to her studio at 227 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20260567

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Carmel Pro Drywall Solutions, 585 Calaveras Dr, Salinas, CA 93906
County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):
Omar Allende Cruz, 585 Calaveras Dr, Salinas, CA 93906

This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Omar Allende Cruz

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/16/2026.
4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24/26
CNS-4022421#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026. (PC 409)

Clerk of Monterey County on March 20, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 412)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20260634

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GALDINOS LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE, 13770 Center Street, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.**
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Registered Owner(s):
GALDINO OSORNIO, P.O. Box 498, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 31, 2012.
S/Galdino Osornio

Date signed: March 24, 2012

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 24, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 413)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20260624

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GRANNYBEAR BAKES, 16660 Meridian Rd, Salinas, CA 93907
County of MONTEREY

Registrant(s):
SPAZZMATIC ADVENTURES LLC, 16660 Meridian Rd, Salinas, CA 93907

This business is conducted by a limited lia-

bility company

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
SPAZZMATIC ADVENTURES LLC
S/ JASON OWEN, MANAGING MEMBER.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 03/24/2026.
4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1/26
CNS-4022000#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026. (PC 414)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20260701

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GENTRY PSYCHIATRIC, 26362 Carmel Rancho Lane, Suite 204, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
TRANSFORMATIVE PSYCHIATRY, INC., 4160 Temescal Canyon Road, Suite 202, Corona, CA 92883.

State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Preston Gentry, President

Date: April 1, 2026

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 1, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 (PC 415)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a Community Meeting on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 4:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Interested members of the public are invited to attend.**

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in person at Carpenter Hall in the Sunset Center located on San Carlos Street between 8th and 10th Avenues. **To participate via teleconference, use this link:** <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ci-carmel-ca.us.zoom.us/j/86551006446?pwd%3D3omHclBQ4lYWwA9Qy3YTQRfdzPK3K2.1&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1776630315383309&usg=AOvVaw1L2xdDlFVpxuwr65qTOLHP>. **To participate via phone, dial +1 (669) 444-9171.** Webinar ID: 865 5100 6446. Passcode: 001916.

All interested people are invited to attend in person or via teleconference at the time and place specified above to give oral or written testimony concerning this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Building Department at City Hall located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or P.O. Box CC, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, 93921, or by emailing mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us prior to the meeting. With respect to written comments, please submit them at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Relevant documents will be available at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the City’s website at <http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us> and found by clicking on “Government” and then “Meetings.” The Community Meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s website at <https://carmelbythesea.ca.portal.civicclerk.com/> and the City’s YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofCarmelbytheSea> and archived there after the meeting. For more information, please contact the Community Planning & Building Department at (831) 620-2010.

Community Meeting on Objective Design and Development Standards (ODDS)
Citywide

This is the third in a series of community meetings on objective design and development standards (ODDS) for accessory dwelling units, multifamily housing, and mixed-use residential. This meeting will introduce the administrative draft ODDS for ADUs and solicit input from the community on the draft standards and diagrams for site design, building form, and architectural design. The meeting will primarily be in person, with a Zoom option also available.

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Marnie Waffle, Principle Planner

Publication dates:
April 17 & 24, 2026
(PC443)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE KHOSROW R. HIFAI CASE NO. 26PR000141

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KHOSROW R. HIFAI:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MINOO ZARIN in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

The Petition for Probate requests that MINOO ZARIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: May 6, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 13
Address: Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later of either (1) four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
JAMES M. SULLIVAN
225 N. Santa Cruz Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030
(408) 395-3837

This statement was filed by Superior Court of California, County of Monterey on March 23, 2026.
Publication dates: April 3, 10, 17, 2026. (PC403)

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY
Case No. 26CV001187

VALIDATION SUMMONS (C.C.P. § 861 & 861.1)

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02: RE: ADOPTION OF ADU SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND METHODOLOGY.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed by Petitioner Hunter Leighton in the above-entitled Court seeking to determine the validity of Resolution No. 2026-02 and the underlying methodology for ADU sewer service charges.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person interested may appear and contest the legality or validity the matters sought to be determined in the Petition by filing a written answer to the Petition on or before the date of 10 days after the completion of publication of the summons, and by serving a copy of the answer upon Petitioner.

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER within the time allowed by law, your default will be entered and you will be forever barred from contesting the validity of the matters alleged in the Petition.

Dated 3/18/2026
Clerk of the Superior Court By: Jose Lopez (Deputy)
Hunter Leighton
3603 Eastfield Rd., Carmel, CA 93923
831-620-6630

This summons was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 18, 2026.

Publication dates: April 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC338)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260577
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WEST COAST HEAT MOBILE GRILLING STATION, 600 Drake Ave., Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): ANTHONY TODD HENDERSON, 600 Drake Ave., Monterey, CA 93940. MARILYN LOUISE HENDERSON.
 This business is conducted by a married couple.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
 S/Anthony T. Henderson
 Date signed: March 17, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 17, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 329)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260600
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PRISTINE ALL EVENT CLEANING, 9486 Comunidad Way, Castroville, CA 95012.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): MARIA GUADALUPE DIAZ.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
 S/Maria Guadalupe Diaz
 Date signed: March 20, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 20, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 330)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260611
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CLICKTRAX STUDIOS, 1446 Hilby Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): TODD JOSEPH CLICKARD.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 23, 2026.
 S/Todd Clickard
 Date signed: March 23, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 23, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 331)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260517
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RJH CONSTRUCTION, 415 B Church Street, Salinas, CA 93901.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): RYAN JOSEPH HEREDIA, 415 B Church Street, Salinas, CA 93902.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 9, 2026.
 S/Ryan Heredia
 Date signed: March 9, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 9, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 332)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260435
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SACRED PINE PRODUCTIONS, 428 Alvarado St., Unit D, Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): ERNEST RODRIGUEZ.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2026.
 S/Ernest Rodriguez
 Date signed: Feb. 25, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 25, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 334)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260619
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE UPS STORE #1075, 1130 Fremont St., Seaside, CA 93955.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ROSSI & ROSSI, INC., 395 Del Monte Ctr., Monterey, CA 93940.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a corporation.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 22, 2016
 S/Jennifer Rossi, CFO
 Date: Feb. 6, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 23, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 335)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260620
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE UPS STORE #0454, 266 Reservation Road, #F, Marina, CA 93933.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: ROSSI & ROSSI, INC., 395 Del Monte Ctr., Monterey, CA 93940.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a corporation.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 S/Jennifer Rossi, CFO
 Date: March 23, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 23, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 336)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260475
 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CALIFORNIA HOUSE BUYERS, 4940 Peninsula Point Dr., Seaside, CA 93955.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: PROPERTY SOLUTIONS WEST, LLC, 798 Lighthouse Ave. #253, Monterey, CA 93940.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2026.

S/Camilla Calenda, Managing Member
 Date: Feb. 24, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 339)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260250
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INDY MAHINDRU INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES, 1780 Fremont Blvd., Suite G, Seaside, CA 93955.**
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): Inderjit MAHINDRU, 1780 Fremont Blvd., Suite G, Seaside, CA 93955.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2019.
 S/Inderjit Mahindru
 Date signed: Feb. 2, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 2, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 340)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260251
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INDY MAHINDRU STATE FARM, 1780 Fremont Blvd., Suite G, Seaside, CA 93955.**
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MAHINDRU INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., 1780 Fremont Blvd., Suite G, Seaside, CA 93955.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a corporation.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2026.
 S/Inderjit Mahindru, President
 Date: Feb. 2, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 2, 2026.
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 341)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260434
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GOLDEN ETCH, 428 Alvarado St., Unit D, Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): YASMINE GONZALEZ.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 19, 2026.
 S/Yasmine Gonzalez
 Date signed: Feb. 25, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 25, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 2026 (PC 402)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260498
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
REMEDIOS ANTIGUOS, 490 Calle Principal, Monterey, CA 93940.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): KATARINA ISABELLA RUIZ, 1030 Carson St., Seaside, CA 93955.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

S/Katarina Ruiz
 Date signed: March 2, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 5, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 404)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 20260618
 Filing type: ABANDONMENT
 County of Filing: Monterey
 Date of Original Filing: Jan. 9, 2023
 File No.: 20230042
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CC. VENDING, 17595 Winding Creek Road, Salinas, CA 93908.**
 Registered Owner(s): LEONARD CHABIEL, 17595 Winding Creek Road, Salinas, CA 93908
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 S/Leonard Chabiel
 March 23, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 23, 2026.
 Publication dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026. (PC405)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260662
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MARINA STATION HOME SALES TEAM, Dolores 3 SW of 7th, Carmel, CA 93921.
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY

Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: MONTEREY PENINSULA REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, P.O. Drawer C, Carmel, CA 93921.
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
 This business is conducted by a corporation.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2012.
 S/Jennifer Menke, Vice President
 Date: Feb. 27, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 27, 2026.
 Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 406)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260649
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**1. CLINKENBEARD TOYS & GAMES
 2. CLINKENBEARD TOYS AND GAMES 3. CG&T
 3170 Kona Cir., Marina, CA 93933.**
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
 Registered Owner(s): DREW ALEX CLINKENBEARD, 3100 De Forest Rd. #18, Marina, CA 93933.
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
 S/Drew A. Clinkenbeard
 Date signed: March 26, 2026
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 26, 2026.

Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC 407)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260578
 The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
NW Construction, 1250 La Mirada Dr, Salinas, CA 93901. County of Monterey
 Registered Owner(s): Nick And Son's Handyman Services Inc., 1250 La Mirada Dr, Salinas, CA 93901 CA
 This business is conducted by: a corporation
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Not Applicable
 S/ Nick White, Managing Member
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/12/26 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24/26
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 Publication Dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026. (PC 408)

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Batch 46 Ref. No.: <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> Assessment No.: <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER ASSESSMENT LIEN YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER ASSESSMENT LIEN. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On MAY 5, 2026 at 10:00A.M., Vacation Ownership Title Agency, Inc., Authorized Agent under and pursuant to the Notice of Delinquent Assessment recorded on December 3, 2025 as Document No. 2025045157 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Monterey County, California. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, in cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, state or federal credit union, state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in the State) AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 168 W. ALISAL STREET, SALINAS, CA 93901, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said assessment lien in the property hereinafter described: Association: Pine Acres Lodge Homeowners Association, Inc., a California non-profit corporation Name of Reputed Owner(s): <SEE EXHIBIT "A"> EXHIBIT "A" PINE ACRES LODGE BATCH 46 REF.NO - ASSESSMENT NO. - REPUTED OWNER(S) - UNDIV. INT. - UNIT NO. - WEEK - ESTIMATED OPENING BID: 0101 901-001-001-000 Ronald Bradley and Nancy Bradley, husband and wife, as joint tenants, with full rights of survivorship 1/663RD 1 COTTAGE 1 SWING \$3,662.75 1305 901-013-005-000 Ron Bradley and Nancy Bradley, husband and wife, as joint tenants 1/663RD 13 TOWNHOUSE 5 SWING \$5,328.66 1311 901-013-011-000 William Hart and Medeleine A. Kilgariff husband and wife, as joint tenants 1/663RD 13 TOWNHOUSE 11 HIGH \$2,273.56 0220 901-002-020-000 Ronald W. Kelly, sole Trustee of the Ronald W. Kelly and Darlene O. Kelly restated Kelly Family Revocable Trust, dated 9/19/2016 1/459TH 2 COTTAGE 20 HIGH \$6,387.55 0631 901-006-031-000 Claudia Wren Stokes, including interest of any current spouse 1/459TH 6 COTTAGE 31 HIGH \$3,662.75 Said Assessment Lien describes the following real property: <SEE EXHIBIT "B"> The property heretofore described is being sold "AS IS". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: A TIMESHARE ESTATE LOCATED AT 1150 JEWELL AVE., PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950 The undersigned Authorized Agent disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the unpaid Assessments secured by said Assessment Lien, with interest thereon, as provided herein, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Assessment Lien. At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above-described Assessment Lien and estimated costs and expenses is: \$<SEE EXHIBIT "A"> The Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, written Declarations of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Assessment Lien. The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Claim of Lien to be recorded on January 5, 2026 as Document No. 2026000161 in the county where the real property is located and more than three (3) months has elapsed since such recordation. DATE: April 2, 2026 TRUSTEE OR PARTY CONDUCTING SALE: VACATION OWNERSHIP TITLE AGENCY, INC. 7898 Mission Grove Pkwy S #100 Riverside, CA 92508 Phone: (951) 610-0810 By: Deborah Macias, Foreclosure Officer Vacation Ownership Title Agency, Inc. NPPO487487 To: CARMEL PINE CONE 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026, 04/24/2026
 Publication dates: April 10, 17, 24, 2026 (PC418)

SUMMONS (Citation Judicial)
 CASE NUMBER: 25CV005942
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS (Aviso al demandado): BOB DELANEY and WILLIAM CONRAD
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFFS (Lo esta demandando el demandante):
 MARY DUGOM and SAM ANTON PROPER

NOTICE: You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
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 There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.
NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
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 The name and address of the court is (El nombre y direccion de la corte es):
 MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
 1200 AGUAJITO ROAD
 MONTEREY, CA 93940
 The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado,es):
 Sam Anton & Mary Dugom
 11506 Bloomington Way, Dublin, CA 94568
 (925) 968-5080
 Date filed: Nov. 18, 2025
 (s) Clerk, by Rosa Lopez, Deputy
 Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026. (PC328)

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA
 NOTICE INVITING BIDS
 for
 Beach Access 12th & 10th Avenue Stairs Repair**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is soliciting bids from qualified companies to replace and repair of deteriorated structural components for two different staircases that provide public access to Carmel Beach, located at 12th Avenue and 10th Avenue within 60 working days plus an additional ten (10) days for every Bid Additive the City decides to award for a potential total of up eighty (80) working date from the date specified in the written Notice to Proceed (NTP) issued by the Director of Public Works.

The contract and bidding documents will be made available Monday April 20th at <http://ci.carmel.ca.us> (under the tab "I Want to Submit a Bid or Proposal").

See Part V: Specifications and Project drawings titled Beach Access 12th & 10th Avenue Stairs Repair. This project will be managed by Ausonio, Inc., Construction Management under contract with the City. The beach will be open to the public while construction is ongoing.

There will be a Mandatory Site Tour scheduled for 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 3325 Del Mar Ave, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. The Pre-Bid Conference will allow bidders to receive an overview of the project and ask questions. **Failure to attend and arrive on time may result in your bid being deemed non-responsive resulting in rejection of your bid.**

Questions regarding this solicitation are to be directed to Gerardo A. Ramirez, Project Manager, at gerardo@ausonio.com. **All questions must be in writing, submitted via email by May 5, 2026, at 5:00 PM. Responses will be posted by Addendum on the City website at <http://ci.carmel.ca.us> by May 8, 2026.**

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Bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, at 3:00 PM on Friday, May 14, 2026. Bids received after the stated deadline will be returned unopened. Bids must be accompanied by a ten percent (10%) bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check payable to "City of Carmel-by-the-Sea." Bid bonds shall be in original form and executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety. At the time of the Bid opening, the successful Bidder must be legally entitled to perform Contracts requiring a California **Class A or B** Contractor's license.

Per Sections 1725.5, 1771.1, 1771.3, and 1771.4 of the Labor Code, this project is subject to prevailing hourly rate of per diem wages for this locality and project and compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. All Contractors and Subcontractors shall be listed in the bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, and shall be currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code.

Publication date: April 17, 2026 (PC444)

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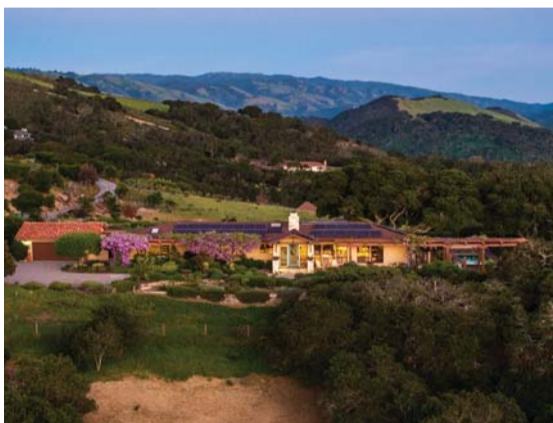
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APN: 010-156-011

2424 Bay Avenue — \$3,450,000

Carlton and Lisa Stetson to Phalanx Capital Partners LLC
APN: 009-412-017

352 Monte Verde Street — \$3,500,000

Suzanne Nadler to Kevin Lewis and Laurie Abraham
APN: 010-222-023

1311 Monte Verde Street — \$3,800,000

Jan Nash to EW Real Estate LLC
APN: 010-176-018



8044 Poplar Lane, Carmel Valley — \$3,950,000

1023 Lincoln Street — \$4,496,000

Brock Nigg and Heidi Lohrfink to Phillip Torrence
APN: 010-182-002

Carmel Valley

9500 Center Street unit 4 — \$685,000

Ellen Gannon to Alan and Linda Terry
APN: 169-237-004

24501 Via Mar Monte unit 79 — \$950,000

Amy Martinetto to Annette Peluso
APN: 015-472-025

11521 Hidden Hills Road — \$1,110,000

Danette and John Roberts to John and Rebekah Magill
APN: 416-091-004

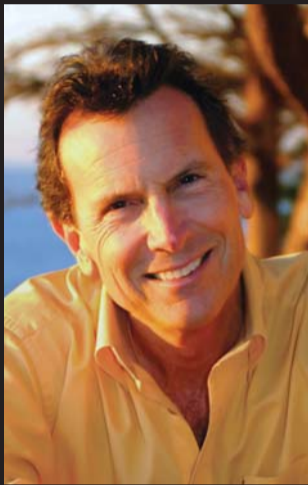
12225 Carola Drive — \$2,000,000

Paul and Nina Temple to Pamela Davis and Frances Seija
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Carmel Valley (cont'd)

James and Diane Tarantino to Mark and Suzanne Nadler
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5441 Quail Meadows Drive — \$5,675,000
Roger and Sarah Pierce to Brendan and Erica Hutchison
APN: 157-171-052

Highway 68

Monterey-Salinas Highway — \$675,000
Janet Holmes to Hiroki Chalfant and William McCarty
APN: 101-271-009

1360 Josselyn Canyon Road unit 37 — \$740,000
Marilyn Churilla to Kyungmee Rim
APN: 101-241-037

14850 Muleta Drive — \$1,590,000
Laura Shepherd and Boronda Family to Michael and Wendy Grim
APN: 161-491-020

18 Caribou Court — \$1,949,000
Thomas and Jacqueline Edwards to Eric and Diane Bodtker
APN: 101-291-019

Marina

3006 Vera Lane — \$650,000
Sangeeta Kumar to JJAC Properties LLC
APN: 032-401-027

3003 Crescent Street — \$750,000
Takeo Sakakieda to Nicholas and Kamryn Cordova
APN: 032-401-036

2993 Bonte Drive — \$1,000,000
JPA Rentals LLC to Joshua Miller
APN: 031-277-030

463 Marina Heighta Drive — \$1,099,000
Gary and Patricia Roche to Nalan Dermanli and Jeffrey Clark
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Status	Address	List Price	Sale Price	DOM
New Listing	Camino Real 4 NW of 11th	\$4,950,000	---	7
New Listing	Monte Verde 3 SW of 4th	\$2,900,000	---	4
New Listing	Monte Verde 2 SE of 10th	\$4,687,000	---	0
New Listing	Guadalupe 5 SE of 3rd	\$3,599,000	---	8
New Listing	San Antonio 6 SE of 8th	\$6,950,000	---	6
Sold	Monte Verde 2 SE of 10th	\$4,687,000	\$4,687,000	0
Sold	Dolores 3 NE of 10th	\$3,250,000	\$3,150,000	46

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Time is the most precious commodity — be careful how you spend it

I REMEMBER how Mama’s hands kneaded dough like they were shaping time itself — the way they moved when she brushed a loose strand of hair behind her ear while standing at the stove. I can hear the sounds of passing cars on summer evenings and taste the sharp fizz of the Nehi orange sodas we drank on the front porch in 1946. But ask me what I had for breakfast this morning, and I’ll likely pause, searching for an answer that’s just out of reach. Friends chuckle — sometimes in disbelief — when I summon the smallest details from decades ago, only to watch me wander into a room and forget why I entered.

When an old Kingston Trio song drifts from the radio — “Tom Dooley,” perhaps — I sing along without hesitation, every lyric rising as if etched in bone. But name a single track by Taylor Swift or Beyoncé, and I draw a blank. For a moment, I wonder if my memory is slipping away faster than cottage names in Carmel.

Rooted in the present

Then I learned this shift is normal. Research on autobiographical memory reveals a “reminiscence bump” — vivid recall of events and emotions from adolescence and early adulthood, especially ones that are rich with meaning and have been repeated often. As we reach our 80s, recent details may slip like sand, but past events sharpen. We move from fixating on specifics to recognizing patterns and essences — the warmth of shared laughter lingers even as faces soften in memory.

What’s fascinating is how relationships evolve. In our younger years, friendships often form out of convenience or shared history — classmates, colleagues, neighbors. But as we age, we gravitate toward connections that feed our curiosity and passions. The friendships I cherish now have little to do with who I knew 10 years ago. Instead, they’re built on what excites me today — a shared inter-

In my 80s, I’ve met people who felt like kindred spirits, not because we’d known each other for decades, but because we shared a passion and curiosity about current events. Such relationships are built on fulfillment, not history. They remind me that growth doesn’t stop with age — it simply takes on new forms.

My Zoom sessions with three high school friends, then, might seem to contradict that logic. But high school is a crucible where identities are shaped. The 1950s, in particular, were a time of cultural shifts, from rock ‘n’ roll to the dawn of the civil rights movement. We share survival and resilience.

Scenic Views

By JERRY GERVASE

est in world events, a mutual appreciation for art and culture, or even the simple pleasure of debating the best way to brew a cup of coffee. These bonds feel lighter, more vibrant, because they’re rooted in the present. There’s no nostalgia required, no obligation to reminisce about “the good old days.” We connect over who we are now, not who we were.

Saying no

And then there’s time — how we use it, how we cherish it. In our later years, we become fiercely selective. No longer do we feel compelled to fill every hour with activities or obligations. I’ve learned to say no to gatherings that drain me

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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, MARCH 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male was arrested at Monte Verde and Sixth for two warrants.

He was later released on a citation to appear.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Private tree fell onto a residence on San Antonio Avenue.

Pacific Grove: Theft from a business on Forest Avenue. No prosecution desired.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Monte Verde and Ninth.

Pacific Grove: Report of found property at Esplanade and Beacon. Owner unknown at

this time. Property booked for safekeeping.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Verbal domestic dispute at Mission and Fourth at 0111 hours.

Pacific Grove: Bikes stolen from within a hotel room on Asilomar Avenue. An Apple tag was on the bike and helped locate the stolen property in a neighboring city. A 50-year-old male suspect was detained and transported to Monterey County Jail.

Pacific Grove: Attempted theft of a vehicle registration tab at Jewell and Lighthouse. No suspect information.

Pacific Grove: A 58-year-old male on Sunset Drive was cited and released for a municipal code violation and for obstruction.

Pebble Beach: Report of financial abuse on Crespi Lane.

Carmel area: Report of financial abuse at a residence on El Riviera Drive .

Carmel area: Deputies investigated a

report of stolen property on Carmel Rancho Boulevard involving a 21-year-old male suspect, a minor suspect and a 63-year-old male victim.

Big Sur: Deputies responded to Highway 1 to take a missing persons report.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Hit-and-run at San Antonio and Seventh.

Pacific Grove: A 68-year-old female was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for DUI. Cited and released to a sobering center.

Pacific Grove: Report of found property on Ocean View Boulevard. Owner unknown. Property booked for safekeeping.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle at Monarch Lane and Jewell Avenue was marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Theft of a bicycle from a

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600BluffsDrive.com

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OPEN SAT 12-3 PM

4460 Peninsula Point Drive, Seaside

4 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,465± SQ. FT. | 5,488± SQ. FT. LOT

\$1,250,000

4460PeninsulaPointDrive.com

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1321 David Avenue, Pacific Grove

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1321David.com

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OPEN SUN 11-2 PM



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662 Oak Street, Monterey

3 BD | 1 BA | 1,125± SQ. FT. | 5,839± SQ. FT. LOT

\$925,000

662OakStreet.com

Arleen Hardenstein 831.915.8989

License# 01710953

121 Quail Run Court, Del Rey Oaks

1 BD | 1 BA | 696± SQ. FT.

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121QuailRunCourt.com

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License# 01962982



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OPEN SAT 12-3 PM

14390 Mountain Quail Rd, Salinas

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\$1,475,000

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4 Ocean Pines Lane, Pebble Beach

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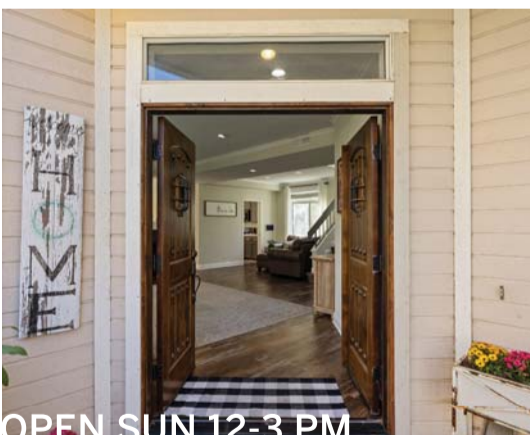
216 Park Street, Pacific Grove

1 BD | 1 BA | 717± SQ. FT. | 1,803± SQ. FT. LOT
\$1,069,000

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License# 00797423



OPEN SUN 12-3 PM

17554 Sugarmill Road, Salinas

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License# 01126129

65 Hitchcock Canyon, Carmel Valley

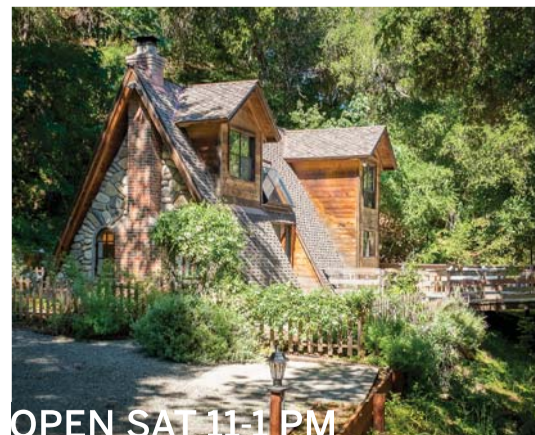
2 BD | 1 BA | 952± SQ. FT. | 2.5± ACRE LOT

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afternoons with a book, or the fun of wrestling a certain number of words onto a computer screen every day. My social circle has shrunk, but it's richer for it. I've let go of friendships that became more exhausting than fulfilling — not out of bitterness, but because life is too short for anything less than mutual warmth and respect.

Intentionality has become my compass. I prioritize moments that nourish the soul, whether that means a walk on the beach, a deep conversation, or simply sitting still with my thoughts. There's a quiet confidence in knowing what — and who — deserves my time.

Even my daily rhythms have shifted. I used to be a night owl, wide-eyed and restless until the wee hours, and then awaken

to the first cock-a-doodle-do. Now, I find myself winding down by 9, lights out by 10. My body seems to know what my mind is still learning — that rest is not a luxury, but a necessity. I no longer resist the urge to slow down. I embrace it. There's a quiet power in choosing how to spend my time, in savoring conversations that matter, and in letting go of the rest.

Perhaps this is the gift of aging — not just in what we remember, but how we choose to live. The details may blur, but the essence remains. We learn to value depth over quantity, presence over performance. And in the end, isn't that what matters most? The past gives us roots, but the present gives us wings. I'll take both, thank you — with a side of rich coffee and good company. Intentionality, after all, is the art of living well.

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Registered Owner(s):
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This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on NOT APPLICABLE
S/ ABDULRAHMAN MOSAD, PRESIDENT
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File No. 20260694

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
JO ANNE BARRON, P.O. Box 525, Monterey, CA 93942.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 5, 2021.
S/Jo Anne Barron
Date signed: April 1, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260625

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Registrant(s):
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This business is conducted by an individual
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S/ HAEIL PARK,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260738

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
LEONARDO RUIZ DIAZ, 588 Yreka Dr., Salinas, California 93906.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 6, 2026.
S/Leonardo Ruiz Diaz
Date signed: April 6, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260679

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
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State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 16, 2026.
S/Paul B. Parker, Manager
Date: March 16, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 30, 2026.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260752

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County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
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This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Dror Manor

Date signed: April 7, 2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260612

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
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Registered Owner(s):
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S/ Jordan Moore, Manager
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CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026. (PC 425)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25CV005558

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner, MARINA RICO, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: PAOLA HERNANDEZ-RICO

Proposed name: PAOLA RICO

B. Present name: AARON HERNANDEZ-RICO

Proposed name: AARON RICO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING:

DATE: May 19, 2026

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

DEPT: 15

The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Ian A. Rivamonte

Judge of the Superior Court

Date filed: Jan. 13, 2026

Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026. (PC 426)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260464

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
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THE CARMEL VALLEY COLLECTIVE, 13766 Center Street G1A, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ERIN MASSEY, 13766 Center Street G1A, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2026.
S/Erin Massey
Date signed: March 2, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 2, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026 (PC 427)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260743

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Optimum, One Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11120, County of Queens
Registered Owner(s):
Celbridge Telecom CA, LLC, One Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11120; State of Incorporation/Organization Delaware
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1, 2026
S/ Michael Olsen, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/06/2026 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/26
CNS-4031444#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026. (PC 428)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260691

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. CARMEL VALLEY RANCH HAND
2. THE BUCKLE BARON
38625 Oak Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
PATRICIA MICHELLE GLASS, 38625 Oak Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Patricia Glass
Date signed: March 26, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 30, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 429)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260744

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
Optimum, One Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11120, County of QUEENS
Registered Owner(s):
CSC Wireless, LLC, One Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11120
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1, 2026
S/ Michael Olsen, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 04/06/2026 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/26
CNS-4031440#
CARMEL PINE CONE
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026. (PC 430)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260590

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL VALLEY CHESS CLUB, 9 Del Fino Pl. #201, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
CARMEL VALLEY CHESS CLUB LLC, 20775 Cachagua Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2026.
S/Justin Bradley, Managing Member
Date: March 19, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 19, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 431)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260769

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CARMEL PILATES & PERSONAL TRAINING, 124 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
MARCY LYNN STRAESSER HEGER, 3260 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93923.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 1, 2003.
S/Marcy Lynn Straesser Heger
Date signed: April 8, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 8, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 432)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260754

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CASTROVILLE SELF STORAGE, 10520 Tembladera St., Castroville, CA 95012.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:
CASTROVILLE SELF STORAGE LLC, P.O. Box 1134, Carmel, CA 93921.
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 7, 2026.
S/Barbara French, President
Date: April 7, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 433)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260750

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WOODWORKS FROM THE HEART, 24625 Avenida Principal, Salinas, CA 93908.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
HEART DOMINGUEZ
MICHELLE ARNOLD DOMINGUEZ.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2026.
S/Heart Dominguez
Date signed: April 7, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on April 7, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 434)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20260478

Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
DANCING BIRD SOAPS, 13746 Center St., Ste. A, Carmel, CA 93924.
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY
Registered Owner(s):
ZOE ANNE LITTLEDOVE.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/Zoe LittleDove
Date signed: Feb. 25, 2026
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on March 3, 2026.
Publication Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026 (PC 435)

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location on Seventh Street. No suspect information.

Carmel area: A subject at the Crossroads was placed on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

Carmel Valley: Financial abuse reported involving a resident of El Cuenco.

Carmel area: Child Protective Services report on Mooncrest Drive.

Carmel Valley: Adult Protective Services report at Del Mesa Carmel.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Agency assist at Junipero and Fourth.

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Pine marked for 72-hour parking.

Pacific Grove: Found property on Ocean View Boulevard without owner information.

Pacific Grove: Verbal warning was issued at Spruce and Seventh for a municipal code violation.

Carmel Valley: East Garzas Road resident reported being a victim of identity theft.

Carmel Valley: Online report of identity theft made by an Aliso Road resident.

Big Sur: Lost property on Highway 1.

Pebble Beach: Found property on Forest Lake Road.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Pacific Grove: Vehicle on Jewell Avenue towed for expired registration over six months.

Carmel area: A civil dispute over cut trees on Loma Alta Road was reported.

Pebble Beach: Two adults reported missing from a residence on Lopez Road.

Carmel area: A 20-year-old male was warned about trespassing at a Lake Place property.

Carmel Valley: A 51-year-old male and a 48-year-old female were arrested at a residence on El Cuenco for animal cruelty.

Carmel Valley: Deputies documented a report of fraud

involving an 81-year-old female Carmel Valley Road resident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A 38-year-old male at Ocean and Mission cited for driving on a suspended license.

Carmel Valley: Group assault on East Carmel Valley Road involving an 18-year-old male suspect and a 17-year-old male victim.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Structure fire at Dolores and Third.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Dolores and Eighth.

Pebble Beach: Dog bite on Sunset Drive.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Non-injury accident at Lincoln and Seventh.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Violation of a restraining order at Monte Verde and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A subject was booked on Tolando Trail.

Pebble Beach: Deputies documented the trespass warning given to an individual at a residence on Cormorant Road.

Carmel Valley: A 54-year-old male on East Carmel Valley Road was cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor.



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83 High Meadow Ln Carmel Coldwell Banker Realty 809-0158		
\$1,750,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 12-4 Su 2-4
9542 Maple Court Carmel Compass 236-5290		
\$1,800,000	2bd 1ba	Sa Su 1-3
Torres & 8th NW Corner Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 236-4513		
\$1,825,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
25636 Morse Dr Carmel Compass 238-2022		



\$1,890,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-3
25349 Flanders Drive Carmel Compass 345-2249		
\$2,299,000	3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
25603 Canada Drive Carmel Compass 915-8010		
\$2,449,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 12-3
3035 Ribera Rd Carmel Carmel Coast Realty 601-9963		
\$2,895,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
8022 River Place Carmel Carmel Realty 241-8900		
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3017 Lasuen Dr Carmel Coldwell Banker Realty 884-3919		
\$3,095,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
24785 Santa Rita Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 760-5126		
\$3,300,000	3bd 4ba	Sa Su 12-3
24572 Guadalupe St Carmel Coldwell Banker Realty 238-6189		
\$3,399,000	3-4bd 3.5ba	Su 1-3
24694 Dolores Street Carmel Cheryl Heyermann 595-5045		
\$3,479,000	3bd 3ba	Sa Su 1-4
Crespi 2 NW Flanders Carmel Compass 601-3207		
\$3,495,000	3bd 2ba	Sa Su 1-4
26140 Mesa Drive Carmel Sotheby's Int'l RE 236-7363 / 915-0265		
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65 Hitchcock Canyon Carmel Valley Sotheby's Int'l RE 262-2301		
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DEL REY OAKS

\$558,000	1bd 1ba	Fr Sa 2-4:30
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1181 McClellan Street Hollister Monterey Coast Realty 288-6728		

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24101 Mountain Charlie Road Los Gatos Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-6391		

MARINA

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\$987,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa Su 2-4
2785 Telegraph Boulevard Marina Monterey Coast Realty 238-0653		
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3218 Tallmon Street Marina Sotheby's Int'l RE 521-0680		
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482 Lassen Way Marina Sotheby's Int'l RE 682-0126		
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2409 Schooner Avenue Marina Monterey Coast Realty 320-4161		
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15181 Breckinridge Avenue Marina, East Garrison Monterey Coast Realty 594-8767		
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14454 Lee Avenue Marina, East Garrison Monterey Coast Realty 277-6728		

MONTEREY

\$665,000	2bd 1ba	Su 1-3
300 Glenwood Circle #265 Monterey Monterey Coast Realty 717-7959		
\$800,000	2bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
70 Forest Ridge #30 Monterey Monterey Coast Realty 317-6336		
\$849,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
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Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$3,888,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-3
131 7th Street	Pacific Grove	318-3808
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PEBBLE BEACH

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1043 Mission Road	Pebble Beach	320-1109
Sotheby's Int'l RE		
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1091 Laurel	Pebble Beach	277-9250 / 620-2936
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Coldwell Banker Realty		
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Sotheby's Int'l RE		
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Monterey Coast Realty		
\$870,000	3bd 1ba	Sa 2-5 Su 1-3
1915 Grandview St	Seaside	601-9038 / 261-1120
Sotheby's Int'l RE		
\$1,250,000	4bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-3
4460 Peninsula Point Drive	Seaside	530-400-7593
Sotheby's Int'l RE		



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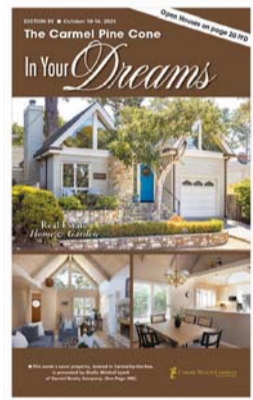
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